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IMPORTANT ADVANCES BY BRITISH TROOPS IN ETHIOPIA & JUBALAND

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NAIROBI, Feb. 20 (UP).—South African British forces have captured the important Southern Ethiopian town of Mega, 55 miles northwest of Moyale, thus beginning a new British penetration on Ethiopia's southern front. The announcement said that the British "had captured more than 600 prisoners, the majority of whom are Europeans," as well as many guns and machine-guns.

Mega is east of the Lake Stefani area in which Empire forces have already penetrated to a depth of at least 50 miles. Mega is 30 miles inside the Ethiopia-Kenya border.

CAPTURED PORTS Mediterranean Navy On Libyan Coast

With the British Mediterranean Fleet, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—I have just returned to harbour after spending ten days at sea aboard a British warship in which we visited the captured Italian ports and saw how the British lines of communication were being maintained as far as Benghazi.

We were the first naval force to enter Benghazi since its surrender.

Now that German planes are participating in the African campaign, more determined efforts are to be made to disrupt British sea communications along the Libyan coast, but counter-measures by units of the fleet have maintained the steady flow of men and material, while the reorganisation of the captured towns is proceeding apace.

Airmen Shot Down
Three German airmen shot down while we were at Benghazi, are now aboard this ship as prisoners of war with 350 Italian officers and 500 men.

Outward bound we carried a number of Libyan volunteers, some of whom were exiles and other prisoners now fighting on the British side.

A British officer told me of how, during an advance beyond Derna, the local Libyans rendered valuable service by dropping behind the retreating Italians and pointing out the mined areas. In some cases they actually built barricades in front of the mines to prevent the British from passing over before they had been warned.

Our first port of call was Tobruk where the harbour is still full of sunken enemy derelicts. Ashore, the arduous task of cleaning up the town was proceeding rapidly while the native element have gradually trailed back home.

Australian Envoy to Tokyo Asked to Help Keep Peace

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister to Japan, called on Mr Chulchi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, to-day.

The subjects of their conversation are not revealed though it is generally believed, says the "Domei" agency, that Mr Ohashi emphasised the need for the collaboration of the Australian Government in preventing any aggravation of the situation.

It is thought that he declared that the "Far Eastern scene" is groundless.

Picked Out of Air

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Columbia Broadcasting System reported a Sydney broadcast to-day which quoted the Melbourne "Argus" as follows: "If Japan could secure herself in that corner of the Pacific framed by Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya and the Netherlands Indies, with Singapore, as the nerve centre, she would embrace the Philippines. From the Philippines would come further extensions of Japanese control until America found herself surrounded at Hawaii, with increasingly insoluble problems of Japanese infiltration into South America."

Juba River is Crossed

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Imperial troops have successfully crossed the Juba River and are driving off enemy counter-attacks.

The communique adds that operations in this area are developing well.

On other fronts there is no change in the situation.

Cunningham's Message.

Exiled Diplomats' Status

Full Standing in Britain

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).

"We have here in London a miniature Europe and we wish consequently to adjust the law of our country to meet the international character of our capital," declared Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in moving the second reading of the Diplomatic Privileges Bill in the House of Commons to-day.

The Bill proposes, said Mr Butler, to confer upon the members of the Diplomatic Corps upon the members and senior officials of the Allied Governments of Poland, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czech-Slovak Government as well as the leaders and senior officials of the Free French Movement established in this country.

Agreed List

The British and other governments will agree upon the names of the individuals affected and a list will be published in the "London Gazette." Mr Butler added that the protection accorded to diplomatic envoys to the Court of St James's should be extended to diplomats accredited to the Allied Government at present established in Britain. Mr Butler said that London was the focus of the resistance of a free Europe and the Bill would make this country a real home of freedom for those determined representatives of national resistance. The Bill was passed on the second reading.

U. S. Planes For Pacific Fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—An "optimistic picture" according to members of the Committee, was given by General George Marshall, United States Chief of Staff, discussing the general situation in regard to national defence and aid for Britain at a secret session of the Senate Military Affairs Committee to-day.

According to one report, General Marshall told the Committee that the United States intends to reinforce the Pacific Fleet immediately with an unspecified number of the latest types of warplanes. He described the situation in the Pacific as "serious."

LATEST

EUROPEAN RESCUES CHILDREN

A European sanitary inspector helped to save several children from the burning building this morning when fire broke out at No. 10 Portland Street, Yaumati.

Immediately after ascertaining that no more people were left in the building, the inspector left and his identity has not yet been discovered.

The fire broke out about 8.45 a.m. and spread so quickly that very soon the first and second floors of Nos 18 and 20 had been gutted. However, on the arrival of the Fire Brigade, the outbreak was under control by 9.15 a.m.

At time of going to press, one woman and child had not been accounted for, but it is believed that they escaped from the burning building and mixed with the crowd. Inspector Wright, Divisional Inspector at Yaumati, was in charge of the Police contingent keeping the crowd under control.

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DOING A GRAND JOB OF WORK

These men render mines safe after they have been washed ashore on Britain's coasts. This squad seen in the picture have been decorated for bravery in carrying out the task. Left to right they are "Tubby" S. C. Keen, D.S.M., the Rendering Mines Safe Officer, Lieut. Cdr R. B. Edwards, D.S.O., Chief Petty Officer Spriggs, D.S.M., and A.B. G. Rowell.



Turkey Will Not Permit Nazis To Cross Territory Say Newspapers

ISTANBUL, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The suggestion that in virtue of her agreement with Turkey, Bulgaria will allow German troops to cross her territory is refuted in the Turkish newspaper "Vakit," to-day.

It says: "Certain people think that the signing of the Ankara Pact means that Bulgaria has secured Turkey's neutrality with the view to allowing the passage of German troops through Bulgarian territory."

"Without hesitation, the Turks reply, 'No.' There is irrefutable proof that Bulgaria, by signing the declaration, unreservedly recognises the Anglo-Turk and Turko-Greek friendships and alliances."

Deputy Valchek, writing in the "Yeni Sabah," emphasises that the Anglo-Turk alliance is immutable and declares that the war of nerves which the Axis has launched in the Balkans will be scattered before the fortress-like strength of Turkey. "Continuous contacts with Britain during difficult months have led to the friendship, mutual respect and confidence between the two countries becoming deeply-rooted. To-day, as hitherto, the Turkish people followed the same path as the British, always remaining sincere friends in good and bad times."

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A MISTAKE Italy Made Fatal Miscalculation

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—A special commentary in the journal "Geneve" on February 17 stated that Italy entered the war because she believed that it would be quickly over. They over-rated the French resistance, underestimated the British and shared the German illusion that Britain could not withstand repeated massive bombing.

Italy counted on the ruin of the British Empire, believing that she had only to fight a country in the last stage of feebleness. She perceives to-day that she confronts a Power able to hold out for a long time with resources constantly increasing. Italy's reverses are due to false political calculations.

Eden In Egypt
CAIRO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, Mr Anthony Eden, and the Chief of the Imperial and General Staff, General Sir John Dill, have arrived in Egypt.

Hypocritical Offer
MADRAS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Japanese offer of a mediation, the Hindu "Nationalist" says: "For a country which has been waging war on China for ten years, to offer to work for peace is hypocritical."

It adds that it is difficult to believe that Japan is animated by genuine desire for peace, for in that case she must set an example herself by stopping her aggression against China.

The "Free Press Nationalist" says that if Hitler is carrying on a war of nerves against his enemies, Mr Matsukata is carrying on a war of will. While the former's moves are more blatant and terrific, the latter's are subtle and intriguing.

Diplomatic Manoeuvre
BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Indian press dismisses the Japanese mediation move as merely a diplomatic manoeuvre.

The "Nationalist" "Bombay Sentinel" says that Japanese mediation is not wanted. With Britain's growing preparations in the Far East, the Japanese are daily becoming more friendly.

Offensive Over France
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—British fighters carried out some offensive patrol activity over the French coast during the day, it was officially announced. Two British fighters are missing.

Stirring Success of British Arm in North Africa Told

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"The most romantic fraternity in arms that this world has ever witnessed" was the description given to-day by Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, to the British forces in the Middle East and Africa fighting over a front extending for 2,500 miles.

Lord Croft was speaking at a luncheon given by the Overseas League to the Empire press correspondents in Britain.

"May I remind you," he said, "that it was a mixed force of British and Indian troops who struck the first and fiercest blow at Sidi Barrani; that at Bardia and Tobruk it was the Imperial Australian force who had pride of place along with the Royal Armoured Corps; and while the Armoured Corps, in its amazing forced march, routed the defenders of Benghazi from their base, the

Eleven Enemy Planes Downed By Empire Pilots in Africa

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Bomber and fighter units of the R.A.F., the South African Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force brought to-day's bag of enemy aircraft to 11 in addition to two further machines brought down the day before during engagements or bombing operations.

All to-day's victims were Italians except for one Heinkel machine.

Three Hurricanes engaged a formation of Heinkels yesterday and while one of two British planes missing, one pilot is safe.

South African Air Force units destroyed ten Italian aircraft during an attack on an aerodrome in the Asmara (Abyssinia) area while one Heinkel was brought down during an enemy raid on Benghazi, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

It is now confirmed that fighters of the Royal Australian Air Force yesterday shot down two additional Junkers machines on Tuesday.

In the attack on the Asmara aerodrome, buildings and hangars were hit while a transport park and repair shops at Dessie (Abyssinia) as well as moving troops on the roads were heavily bombed. Large columns of black smoke poured out of the ravaged workshops.

Referring to his visit to the Middle East, he said that he had covered a range of country from Jerusalem to Benghazi and altogether flew about 3,500 miles in the Middle East which was some indication how fast the Australian forces were travelling.

He found them all in tremendous fettle. They regarded their operations against the Italians in the nature of a preliminary center. What they wanted to do was to have a go at the Germans.

Mr Menzies paid tribute to the way in which the people of Britain had taken air attacks and said that he brought from Australia a belief in victory and a definite assurance that so long as Australia has any resources of any description, Great Britain will not stand alone in this war.

Tell The Truth
He wanted to be able to witness at first hand what was going on in Australia so that he could return to Britain and help to create a vivid impression of the truth in Great Britain. He was "sure that the more clearly the truth was understood the greater would be the stimulus to Australia's own war effort."

Mr Menzies added that there was no doubt that Britain would win but she could not win completely unless they all produced the maximum all-round effort.

They were met at the airfield by a large gathering of high Government officials headed by General Chang. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

CURRIE'S TRAVELS Mission Considers Transportation

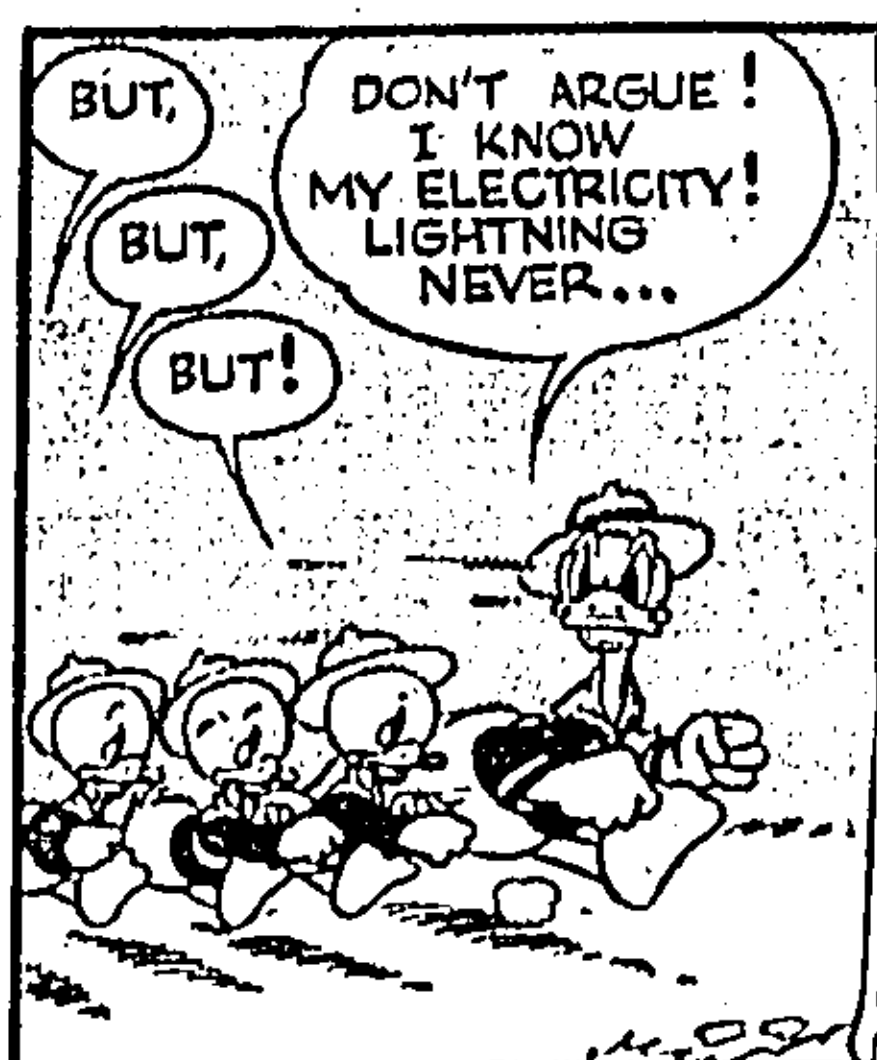
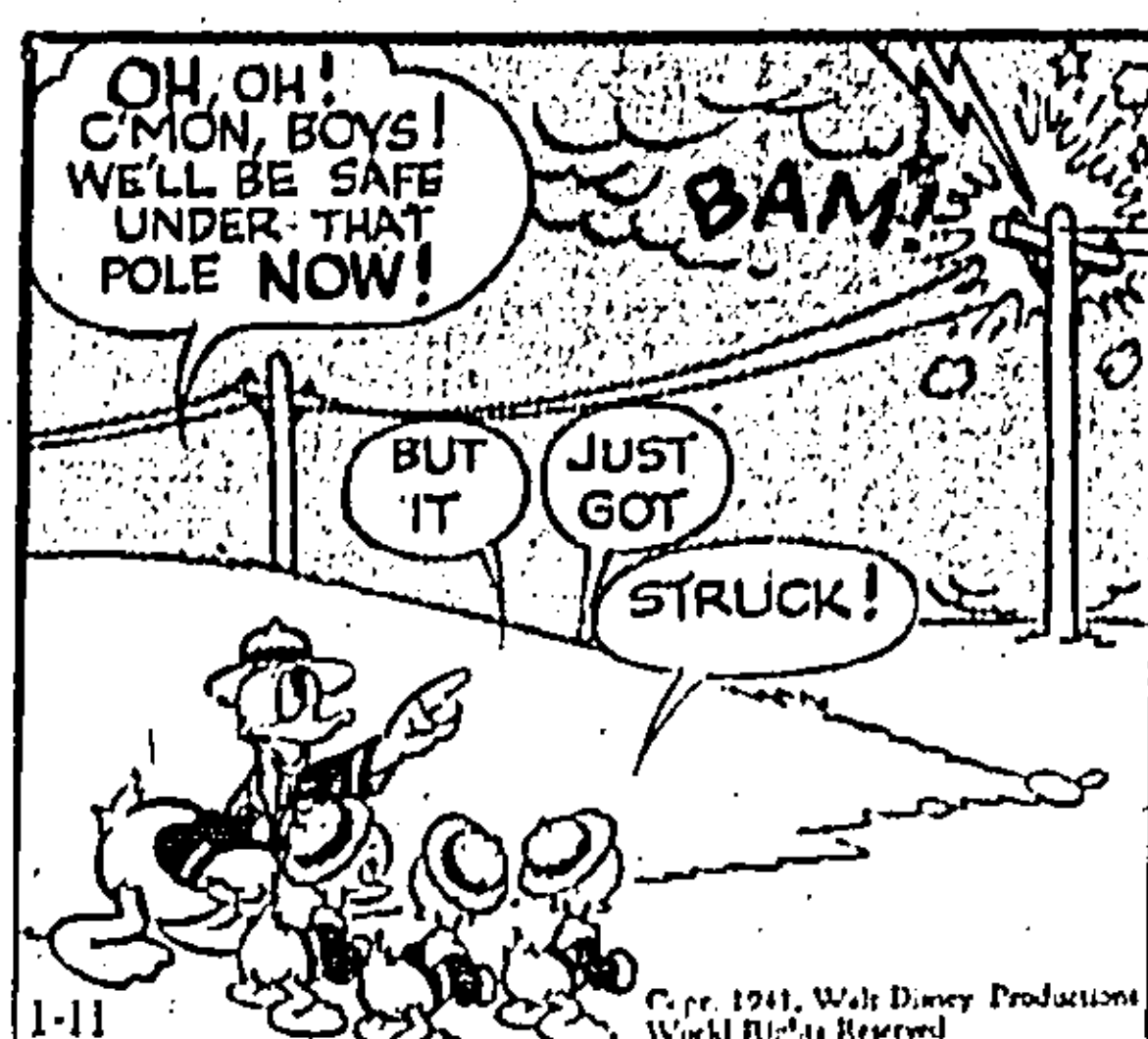
CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Particular attention is being paid by the American economic mission to China to transportation problems, it is learned from reliable sources. America is reported to be prepared to give Chinese financial and material assistance.

Large quantities of medicines, supplies and arms will be forthcoming, but the most important problem will be to get these materials speedily transported to the interior. An efficient, centralized transportation administration is the main problem at present confronting the Chinese and American authorities, it is pointed out.

Currie In Chengtu
CHENG TU, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Accompanied by Mr Nelson T. Johnson, retiring American Ambassador to China, Dr Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, and party, arrived here from Chungking by air at 11 a.m. yesterday.

They were met at the airfield by a large gathering of high Government officials headed by General Chang.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1—light talk
- 2—Vestibule
- 3—Agricultural estate
- 4—Garment
- 5—Extraordinary
- 6—Combining form: leum
- 7—Famous czar
- 8—Spruce (island)
- 9—Slippery fish
- 10—Overcome
- 11—Self (Scottish)
- 12—Woody plants
- 13—Humbers
- 14—Tegretul
- 15—Ceremonies
- 16—Spring mouth
- 17—Rucky pinnacle
- 18—Arm-pit
- 19—Purple
- 20—Fattier
- 21—Canyon
- 22—That there
- 23—The devil
- 24—Tiny bit
- 25—Absorb
- 26—Doubtless of plenty
- 27—Falls
- 28—Swiss river
- 29—Novel
- 30—Was unconscious
- 31—Through
- 32—Leaf of calyx
- 33—Before
- 34—Hilltop
- 35—Flow run
- 36—Turn together
- 37—Included valley
- 38—Chills and fever

DOWN

- 1—Daddy's beds
- 2—Mean dwelling
- 3—Lower
- 4—Assistant factory foreman
- 5—Far of corn
- 6—Sacred bull
- 7—Numerals
- 8—Excessive fondness for England
- 9—Confederate general
- 10—Palm
- 11—To sheltered side
- 12—Anger
- 13—Tiny plant
- 14—Malice
- 15—Judge at law
- 16—Nile
- 17—Pig pen
- 18—Turned
- 19—Skin disease
- 20—Blat again
- 21—Branches of learning
- 22—Noose
- 23—Kind of whistle
- 24—Heverage
- 25—Plan
- 26—Cloth measure
- 27—Punct
- 28—In carried
- 29—Burr (prov.)
- 30—Therefore
- 31—Thick liquid
- 32—New York canal
- 33—Domesticated
- 34—Lamb's pet-name
- 35—Goes fast
- 36—Mineral spring
- 37—Descendant

At Work in Bombed London

THE INDIAN PIONEER CORPS

by
D. NATH
 of the Indian News Service, at present in London as an observer

The members of the Indian Pioneer Corps are helping to heal the scars of London clearing up the mess left by German bombers.

The Commanding Officer of the Corps has the highest praise for them, and after seeing them at work, I agree.

The Colonel led me to a pile of ruins where his Indian Pioneers were working alongside British troops. The Indians and the British worked as comrades, and in rest periods offered each other cigarettes in cordial friendship.

I remarked to the Colonel on his fluent Urdu. He explained that he was in India for over 29 years. "And," he added, "I'm used to the dhal-roti diet as well."

The Colonel loves his men and is proud of them. He suddenly stopped and said to me: "See that man working on that pneumatic drill over there? When he first came to me, he did not know anything about the machine; to-day he is an expert—knows his job from A to Z."

He took me to see another Indian who was cutting through a huge steel girder with an acetylene lamp.

The worker told me how frightened he had been at first at the sight of the myriad sparks which seemed to fly into his face. Now he considers himself master of his "sparkling machine," as he describes it.

The Pioneer Corps of Indian Unit was first formed in October 1939. The Colonel, who had extensive experience of labour conditions and Pioneer work in the Punjab, thought of the idea of organising the Indian labour in Britain for this work when the war broke out.

The response was instant and splendid. Indian seamen, hawkers, waiters, factory-workers, packers in warehouses, students and university graduates, flocked to enlist in the Corps, and join in the hard work that helps the war effort.

I think it is the most representative Indian organisation I have ever come across. I talked with Sikhs and Moslems from the Punjab and the North-West Frontier; Madras from the South; Assamis from the East; Baboos from Bengal; Mathurs from the South; Mathurs from the United Provinces; and one Billimoria from Bombay.

They speak different tongues among themselves and

profess different faiths; but in their work and play they are one—united in a common cause.

In various parts of Britain they have worked night and day in clearing the debris, rescuing the injured and extricating the dead buried under the masonry.

"Bombs or no bombs, we go just the same when the call of duty comes," said one of them. He was Kikarajee Billimoria of Bombay. He used to have a nice job with the millionaire family of the Tatas; now he works with pick and shovel.

The gong sounded for the mid-day meal. I went off with my Indian friends to partake of their fish, bread and tea.

They get an hour off for their meal which they enjoy to the full. They take an Indian drum and flute with them, and play after the meal.

Diwan Ali of Mirpur and Abdul Karim of Benares are the life and soul of this unit. Diwan Ali has a rare musical

talent; he dances and sings to the accompaniment of the drum. He sang for me two of the most popular Indian karlees, while Karim played on the drum. In the midst of bombed London I enjoyed a perfect Indian afternoon.

Abdul Karim is a versatile person. He used to work in a circus, where he performed acrobatic tricks on a silken cord. He has travelled all over Europe, including Italy and Germany.

"When the war broke out," he said, "I gave up my job; nobody was likely to be interested in my acrobatics when two political acrobats had started their show! I decided to do my bit for my Badashah."

I found that most of them had joined the Corps voluntarily, and I felt proud of it.

Sergeant Hopkins entered the room to tell his "boys" to resume work.

He is a genial fellow; his skin tanned by the Indian sun. As the men said goodbye to me, the sergeant said proudly: "They are the best workers I know. They are extremely adaptable, and have a fine sense of duty. I think they are rendering the most valuable service to India and to the Empire, and thus helping to cement the bonds of friendship between our peoples."

CHURCHILL

is 'Man of the Year'

Winston Spencer Churchill, British Prime Minister, is named by "Time," the weekly news magazine, as the "Man of the Year" in 1940. This designation is made each year by the editors of the magazine to the man or woman who, in their opinion, has brought about the most dramatic change in the course of history during the previous 12 months.

"The obvious United States candidate for the title was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who got himself elected for an unprecedented third term," the announcement says; "But Franklin Roosevelt's other accomplishments of 1940 were not breath-taking."

"On the score of leadership, Wendell Willkie, although a business man, convinced 22,500,000 voters that he spoke for a vital cause, performed more strikingly. But in the end Willkie did not succeed in leading his crusade to victory."

"Time" magazine editors described Mussolini as "the year's greatest flop," and Joseph Stalin as having "lost several teeth before he chewed off an edge of tough little Finland." Hitler was more successful, they held.

Many "ifs" were found by them in 1941. Among them was "if Britain still stands at

the end of 1941, Adolf Hitler may be on his way to join the distinguished company of Benito Mussolini, General Gamelin and Almazan and John Llewellyn Lewis—those men of high hopes who failed to come through in the crisis of 1940."

Among the Europeans who "made their mark" in 1940, "Time" magazine editors name the late Premier Metaxas of Greece and Ernest Bevin, who became a power of strength in Britain's movement, who rallied labour in Britain's cause, who became a symbol of the breakdown of class distinction by which Britain achieved a greater unity to fight her battles."

"Yet the curious fact was that in most men's minds everywhere—even in Germany, to judge by Nazi denunciations—Winston Churchill outranked others as the man of 1940, they declared."

"The man-of-the-year Churchill does not stand alone. Beside and behind Churchill stands a very small man multiplied a millionfold, he is just an Englishman."

"To the small man of Britain in 1940 Winston Churchill spoke words that may live as long as Shakespeare's."

"Let us therefore brace ourselves and so bear ourselves that if the British Commonwealth and Empire last for a thousand years, men will still say, this was their finest hour."

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BUDGET DEBATE

YESTERDAY'S annual speech day of the Legislative Council produced criticism of some vehemence from the Unofficial members, with special emphasis placed on the administrative shortcomings of the Government. The Colonial Secretary described the speeches as "healthy and helpful criticisms", which was gracious in view of the heavy strictures passed on several of the Administration's departments. More important, the criticisms, most of which were echoes of publicly aired complaints, are to bear immediate results; the machinery of the Immigration Office is to be investigated; the Food Control organisation is already in the process of being overhauled; the firewood problem is being tackled.

The Financial Secretary has already met the Hon. Mr. Lo's complaint about the functions of the Superintendent of Inland Revenue and Estate Commissioner and the alleged harsh administration of the Estate Duty Ordinance, so that, in many instances, the sharp barbs of Unofficial criticism became blunted almost before they were delivered. This factor, however, does not rob the criticisms of their justification nor their timeliness; they were, for the most part, cogent, fair, and intelligent.

The Financial Secretary deprecated the suggestion that he was taking a gloomy attitude in his budget, but his admission that the Colony's reserves were not what they purported to be on paper was hardly joy-provoking. His dismissal of Mr. Li Tse-fong's theory and suggestion concerning use of the financial surplus was a suave piece of argument, but not completely convincing, especially as it was bound up in an offhand reference to the method of administering the Government's Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme, which has long been a bone of contention.

Mr. Butters sought to justify his refusal to take from reserves to meet budget requirements on the grounds that there was no guarantee that Hongkong would always be as prosperous as it is now—an assumption for which there is little foundation judged in the light of the Colony's history; Hongkong certainly has been subject to booms and depressions, and always will be, though this is not peculiar to Hongkong; but the net result to date has left the Colony in a sound condition. On these grounds Mr. Butters' argument does not impress.

More acceptable is the implied desire to follow the principle laid down by Sir Kingsley Wood—that it is preferable to meet as far as possible extraordinary expenditure such as war effort and defence out of revenue than to resort to borrowing and overdrafts. This principle is acknowledged to be fundamentally

A PARISIAN friend, who has been able to make his way to a port in Britain, has brought with him some particulars of life in Paris as he has known it as recently as last month.

His business connections had brought him in earlier days into contact with the British colony there, and he says that a good many remain in the capital under the Occupation. Every day the ground floor of the United States Embassy—previously occupied by the Immigration Office—is full of British subjects who receive there the financial assistance which the British Government provides through credits in Washington. The amount varies according to circumstances and provides for subsistence on a very modest scale.

British men of military age are interned, partly in camps outside Paris and partly in the Sante prison. All are visited regularly, and those in Paris daily, by United States officials, who take them food.

Fate Of Property

Of the non-interred British—who have to report to the police each day—the majority are French-born wives who did not wish to leave France and who now have gone to live with their relatives. Many of the super-numerary clerks and assistants at the United States Embassy are of British nationality. It is believed that the number of those interned has recently been reduced, and reports agree that the others are being well treated.

Except for chateaux and large villas owned by very wealthy British subjects in the occupied territory, the Germans have not pillaged British property, and the contents of two flats or small houses with a caretaker in charge have been left alone, unless the Germans had some reason to dislike the tenant or he was a Jew.

Property abandoned without a caretaker is, however, often handed over as billets for German families, and articles unobtainable in Germany, such as blankets, sheets, clothing, leatherware and the like, are apt to disappear. The chances of survival of the contents of the cellar are also extremely low. Wireless apparatus capable of receiving foreign stations is likely to be overworked if left behind.

The British Embassy has not yet been touched or even entered as the result of the Occupation. It is protected by having been placed under United States care.

At The Smart Shops

Opposite the bar entrance to the Hotel Crillon, now the German headquarters, the fairly conspicuous sign of The "Daily Telegraph" continues to hang outside number 11, Rue Boissy d'Anglas. My friend was unable to say whether the office itself has been visited by the Gestapo. If it has, they will have found little material worth incorporating in a blue-book.

A little further along the street a smart club has been taken over for German civilians, who look oddly out of place there. The personnel changes continually; it is believed to consist of relays of "Strength through Joy" visitors who get cheap trips to Paris.

In the same street the smart shirtmakers are still open, but German officers—who are allowed to wear mufti on certain days in the week—have taken all but the most fanciful designs. The same applies to the leather goods shop at the corner—now sold out with no hope of replacing stocks.

On the opposite corner the world-famed perfume shop still has some stock left, for German women are not encouraged to use cosmetics. Lingerie, however, is in a different category, and one of the strangest sights is that of senior German officers thoughtfully handling dainty

good, and the Colony, as a whole, will not object to its application.

The debate produced much absorbing data, intelligent and constructive criticism, and interesting revelations; wherefore the public has reason to feel appreciative of the contributions to the discussion, made both by the Unofficial members and the Government spokesmen.

IN PARIS NOW

How Britons Fare And What the French Are Learning

By E. B. WAREING

lately chief of the Paris Staff
of the "Daily Telegraph"

underwear, under the slightly sardonic gaze of an elegantly dressed assistant, in an attempt to assess whether it is adequate to appease the insistent demands of Frau Major at home. "Achille," one of the smartest hairdressers for men, has now reopened on the Place de la Madeleine. The chairs previously occupied by French and British generals and diplomats are now taken by German

is plentiful, or champagne, which costs them about 15 francs in the English purchasing-power equivalent. A German soldier can buy a bottle of champagne for one-third of a day's pay at the special Army of Occupation rate. Arrangements are being made to import truffles into the Occupied Zone for German consumption.

One of the main reasons for the shortage of food is bad distribution, due to the absence of

generals and heads of the Gestapo. No Italian soldiers, by the way, are to be seen in Paris.

Renault Workers

The sack of Paris goes on. Useless paper marks—unacceptable even in Germany itself—are handed over in exchange for the loot. Many shops are already closed. Even a German woman—and they are legion in Paris—can now only buy one pair of silk stockings, if she is lucky enough to find them.

There is no fraternising between the Germans and the Parisians. Germans are still studiously correct in their behaviour. Their attitude is that the French are benton, harmless creatures who will in time become amenable. It is a clever line to take, as some examples show.

Thus, the workers in Renault's factory, now engaged in turning out lorries for the German army, have to work 60 hours a week, as though they were in Germany, instead of 40. Their pay, however, has been more than proportionately raised and since its purchasing power, for what little there is to purchase, is much the same, they do not grumble. Again, a garage hand, whom my friend occasionally saw, though he had of course to give up his car, was earning more money working for the Germans, who have unrestricted petrol and make "joy-rides" wherever they like.

Francs But No Funds

These people do not realise that there is no backing whatever for the money which the Bank of France is obliged to change into francs, and the approach of the financial Nemesis is slow and unseen. Moreover, they are gradually accepting restrictions which they would never have accepted from a French Government. The sight of a well-fed, well-equipped, disciplined army in their midst has had a hypnotic effect. Their wives, obliged to queue up for every necessity, are less philosophic about things, and it is from the woman's side that bitterness will come first.

Outwardly most of the restaurants and cafes look the same. Some have been requisitioned. The Taverne d'Alsace in the Champs Elysees is now labelled Soldatenheim (Soldiers' Home), and no civilian may enter. Others, such as Fouquet's and the Cafe Marignane, are open to all, and, but for the German uniforms, show little external change, for most Parisiennes had hoarded clothes, and the lack of new ones is not yet felt.

Menus, however, are much depleted, even on Sunday—the only day when in theory no restrictions apply. The famous restaurants, such as Maxime or Larue, now only offer a choice of three dishes, and every customer has to hand over four different coupons—for meat, fat, bread, macaroni or cheese—in exchange for trifling portions. Meat, for example, is restricted to just under 1/2oz a day, three days a week.

The Germans also have coupons, but on a different scale, and provided by their own authorities. There is no coffee, the so-called "cafe national" being a substitute, and no milk. The Germans drink beer, which

B.B.C. They compare its news carefully with the spate of new French language newspapers started by Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent in Paris, which have to be read because they give news of police regulations, food restrictions and the like.

The art of listening is a complicated one and requires a good deal of exchange of information with neighbours as to which particular wave-length is least jammed at a given time, when Mr Churchill or Gen. de Gaulle is to speak personally, and so forth.

"Tas De Blagues"

The opinion is expressed that the B.B.C. in its French programmes should deal more specifically with the Radio-Paris German controlled news than it does at present. For instance, when Radio-Paris and the Paris Press state that half London is burning and the B.B.C. reports that "a number of fires were started," the B.B.C. may at first be regarded as confirming the worst reports, and some despondency ensues. Nevertheless, there is a considerable scepticism.

Noting that the Germans read the Tageblatt, Parisians have invented a word for the German-inspired Paris Press. They call it the "Tas de blagues," which sounds much the same but means "A lot of nonsense."

The people of Paris are brave about listening. To the B.B.C., though in any case clandestine listening is hard to control. Knowing little of the Vichy Government, on the other side of an hermetically sealed frontier, they tend to revert to old allegiances, for they naturally desire freedom. Yet they have been stunned by a knock-out blow and are too dazed to realise exactly from what quarter it came. A healthy reaction is gradually setting in and the healing process of the French mind will be rapid in proportion to British successes.

Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jr., United Press Naval Critic, Examines The Mediterranean Situation

Is An AXIS PUSH IMMINENT?

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—Britain, for the moment, has the upper hand in the great campaign for control of the Mediterranean. How long she can maintain this advantage, however, is a question.

Reports are current that Berlin is still seeking Russian assent to a "peaceful" German occupation of Bulgaria which would open the way for a drive on Greece, from the north, the object of which would be to obtain control of Salonika and, from that base, all of Greece and the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

Should this prove successful, and the British be driven from their foothold on the mainland of Europe, the German air force then would be in position to sweep the eastern Mediterranean and launch heavy attacks on the British naval base at Alexandria and even on Cairo.

The British, of course, realise the danger which confronts them and one may take it for granted that they are putting up the greatest possible diplomatic resistance in Sofia, Moscow and Ankara.

Bulgaria always has been close to Russia, and Turkey has had the closest of relations with the U.S.S.R. in recent years. Neither of these states, hence, would be likely to permit German control of Greece and the Aegean without asking Moscow for advice.

From a naval viewpoint the British Fleet probably would be able to defend itself in the Mediterranean, even if deprived of its Greek bases, but whether it could defend itself against overwhelming German air superiority is another question.

A glance at the map will show the possibility for air action which the Axis powers would have if they controlled Greece and the Aegean Islands, in addition to Italy with her island bases, including the Dodecanese group off the coast of Turkey.

A number of factors would appear to favour the reported German plan for occupation of Bulgaria and a joint attack with Italy on Greece.

1. The fall of Benghazi in Italian Libya, coupled with Greek successes in Albania, has brought Italian military prestige to an all-time low during the present war. Germany, as Italy's partner, hardly can let these reverses go farther. There is too much danger that Italy might sue for a separate peace with the British.

2. A vigorous German thrust towards the Mediterranean might force the British to withdraw planes and ships needed for the defence of Britain, and thus improve German chances for the long-desired invasion of Britain.

3. United States assistance to Britain daily is becoming more effective. The Germans need to move fast, and may be prepared to take desperate chances in an effort to achieve a knock-out before American support of the British makes a German victory impossible.

The British, however, will prove no push-over, in my judgment, if the German plans unfold as outlined above. Their victories in North Africa and Greece to date have demonstrated their ability to coordinate the use of all classes of arms—mechanised land forces, the navy and the air force—and to maintain sustained offensives.

They are solidly entrenched in both Greece and Africa and have the advantage of the initiative and the strong morale which goes with a series of victories.

Many of the troops in use on both the Greek and North African fronts are Australians and New Zealanders who have been proved to be among the finest soldiers in the world.

The British lines of supply, while long, was well-organized and, so far, have functioned smoothly.

The Greek army, too, probably could be depended upon to give a good account of itself. The Greeks unquestionably have done most of the fighting in driving Italian invaders from their homeland and carrying the war into Italian-controlled territory. There is no reason to believe they would prove less brave against the Germans than they have against the Italians, for they would know they were fighting for their homes and they would have the advantage of defending a terrain with which they are intimately familiar.

Belief That Nazi Victory Would Affect America Growing Sharply

In a survey just completed by the American Institute of Public Opinion, it is shown that since last Spring a growing number of Americans have come to believe a German victory in Europe would affect their lives and fortunes directly or indirectly; that America's economic security no less than her military security might be at stake, Dr George Gallup, the Institute's director, reports.

"Since the invasion of the Low Countries by Nazi troops last Spring, virtually every study of public opinion here has shown a growing desire to increase the scale of United States aid to Britain," Dr Gallup says.

"Whether American men and women are right or wrong in holding such alarms may have far less importance during 1941 than the fact that they do hold them—and that the desire to aid Britain may increasingly flow from this source.

"Whereas only 47 per cent of those interviewed in a nation-wide survey last March thought that a German victory would affect them 71 per cent now think they would be affected."

Hitler's Order Unpopular

"Less than half of one per cent, indicated a belief they might be beneficially affected by the victory of Adolf Hitler's 'new order' in Europe. " Voters in successive surveys were asked: 'Suppose the United States does not go into the war and Germany defeats England—do you think you, personally, would be affected by this German victory?'

Year's Trend
The trend since March is shown in the following figures:

	At- fected	Not At- fected	Don't Know
March, 1940	47%	53%	18%
May (after Low- lands invasion)	64%	34%	12%
June (after De- feats of French)	58%	37%	15%
July	67%	32%	9%
September	65%	33%	12%
To-day	71%	29%	8%

ERSATZ COFFEE Nazis Use Dutch Bulbs

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Tulip coffee is the latest Nazi ersatz specialty.

According to "Frii-Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, Dutch bulb-growers are exceedingly busy because the Germans are using about 5,000 tons of bulbs to make "coffee" for Dutch consumption. The bulbs, with the exception of hyacinths and narcissi, which apparently have a poisonous content, are cut in small pieces, roasted to the correct colour, chicory is added and it is found that a further addition of a small quantity of pure coffee makes the concoction taste better.

INDIAN DEFENCE Protected Places Named

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The "Gazette" has declared all depots, water-works, dams and electric power stations in certain district headquarters and elsewhere throughout Bombay Province "protected places" under the Defence Regulations as a special precaution.

HALIFAX TALK POSTPONED Detained in Capital

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, has had to postpone his tentative engagement to speak at a Pilgrimage Society function to-day as he cannot leave Washington at present. Great interest was taken in the earlier announcement that the British Ambassador might speak as it was thought that he might deal with Britain's war and peace aims in greater detail than had been done to date.

To-day's was to have been his first big speech in America.

Anglo-American Cotton & Rubber SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Mr Jesse E. Jones, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Export and Import Bank, said to-day that American at present had enough rubber stores to last from 18 to 24 months. He said that he did not believe the source of foreign supply would be endangered.

Asked if there were any prospects of another British-American cotton-rubber barter deal, Mr Jones said that he had not heard of such prospect, but would be delighted to arrange a deal.

Belgium Under The Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The economic situation in Belgium is described as "catastrophic," according to travellers arriving in Spain, says "Inbel" (Free Belgian Agency). The country has been pillaged and stripped bare by the occupying forces. The position is worse than that which existed in Spain during the civil war, travellers declare. Spinning mills are idle owing to lack of wool.

Heavy Air Raid Casualties

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—It is now ascertained, says Air Ministry, that the number killed on Wednesday night's raid on the London area is greater than at first thought.

INDO-CHINA Rubber Exports To Be Controlled

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Governor-General of Indo-China, Admiral Decoux, has issued regulations controlling the export of rubber, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

Under the new regulations the Governor-General will establish a Rubber Exporting Administration in which representatives of the four largest rubber plantations and the Government will take part and all rubber exports will be made through this administration, the report declares.

The four largest plantations will sell rubber direct to this administration, while small plantations will be required to sell through commissioners to this organ, it is added.

Sabotage of Peace?

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun" has charged that the United States and Indo-China are making a joint effort to throw a "defence line" against Japan's economic advance before the Indo-China-Thailand negotiations in Tokyo attain results.

The paper says that Indo-China's objectives to obtain a monopoly for French firms, and Anglo-American investors and more intimate relations with the United States—are also considered "Anglo-American efforts to drive a political and economic wedge into Indo-China."

The "Asahi" says that the Japanese Government is sternly watching "such Indo-China machinations."

British Submarine Sinks Nord Ship

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The British submarine Sea Lion has destroyed a Norwegian ship of about 1,500 tons operating under German control off the Norwegian coast.

An Admiralty communique announcing this says that the Sea Lion allowed 15 minutes while the crew abandoned the Norwegian ship and then sank her by gun-fire.

Her crew were quite safe in lifeboats as she was very close to land when abandoned.

Australia To Build Merchantmen

MELBOURNE, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Federal Government is shortly appointing a commission to arrange for a substantial shipbuilding programme for merchant shipping. A sum £6,000,000 has already been allocated for this purpose.

KONOYE'S ILLNESS Diet Crisis Is Averted

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Domel).—Threatening for a while to develop into serious political issue, the National Service Association debate will be settled on Friday as the Lower House Budget Committee following an informal meeting this morning, has agreed to accept the Home Minister, Baron Kichiro Hirayama's reply and also to refrain from appointing an acting Premier in the absence of the Premier, Prince Konoze, due to illness.

The Government also held an extraordinary Cabinet session in the Diet building to discuss the Diet requests for the Premier's attendance at the Budget Session. The Cabinet session has decided to appoint Baron Hirayama, Home Minister, to answer interpellations on behalf of the Premier and accelerate the work of the Budget Session.

DR JOHNSON RELICS Saved In Raid

Many relics of the famous Dr Samuel Johnson escaped harm when the house in Gough Square, which he occupied during his lifetime, was damaged in a big fire raid on London.

In the first week of the war the custodian of the house removed valuable prints, paintings, and first editions and stored them in water-proof wrapping in a large trunk in the basement. Forced by fire to leave her cottage—the lodge of the house—she returned at 5 a.m. and retrieved the trunk, which had begun to fill with water.

The trunk is now in a place of safety. Although the walls of the house still stand, the interior and most of the historic furniture were severely damaged.

Aga Khan's Jubilee

Gift Of Diamonds

Ismail Moslems plan to present the Aga Khan with his own weight in diamonds on the diamond jubilee (60th anniversary) of his accession to their spiritual leadership.

The Aga Khan weighs at least £6,000,000 worth of diamonds. At the celebration of his golden jubilee in Bombay, in 1936, his followers gave him his weight in gold. The gift was worth £27,000. He ordered the money to be given to charity.

The Aga Khan is one of the world's richest men.

Now Refugee

A refugee from France, he is now in Switzerland. Last year he complained: "What's the use of money if you can't get it? You might say I am almost destitute."

Last December he sold his race-horse Mahmoud, which won the English Derby in 1936, for 20,000 guineas.

American School In Tokyo Closing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—It is understood that Tokyo's American School is terminating 40 years of activities in June, when the term ends.

The present enrolment is 76, of which ten are Americans, contrasting with a normal 200.

The American School is the last of the British and American schools throughout Japan.

Envoy To Soviet

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Mr Montri, the new Thai Minister to the Soviet, said on his arrival to-day that he hoped to establish normal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Hockey Meeting

Caer Clark Cup Tournament To Lapse

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday, it was decided that for this year the Caer Clark Cup tournament should lapse, though the Seven-a-side tournament be continued as usual.

Miss E. M. Gray, acting President was in the Chair, assisted by Mrs. J. Joyce.

Miss Gray presented the annual report and said that the Caer Clark Cup had been won for the fourth year in succession by the "Y" Ladies, with St. Andrew's taking runners-up position and the Southern Cup.

In the Junior league, Argonauts had won the Brann Cup, and D.G.S. the Mamak Cup for second position.

The Annual Seven-a-side tournament had been held on February 10 and had been won by C.B.A. who thus won the Pearce Cup, while Argonauts took the runners-up trophy, the Knill Cup.

This was the first year of competitive hockey for the Argonauts and they had won the Brann Cup and the Knill Cup.

Due to the European situation, the inter-club match with Shanghai was not held.

Elections

At the suggestion of Miss Gray, the position of President was left vacant for the duration. The following were the officers elected for the year:

Vice-President—Miss E. M. Gray.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.—Miss R. Smith.
Council—Miss M. Remedios and Miss A. Alves (Receiv.), Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss M. McCann, Miss S. Sney and Miss N. Hooker (Hon. Ladies), Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Churn and Miss V. Jey (D.G.S.), Mrs. C. Fleureide and Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts), Mrs. Joyce and Miss Baxter (C.B.A.).

For Bomber Fund

A proposal by Mrs. Joyce to make a donation to the Bomber Fund was unanimously adopted and the initial sum of \$400 was agreed upon. It was also decided to turn this year's Seven-a-side tournament to the benefit of a similar cause, and Miss Gray expressed the hope that the public would show a more hearty response.

Combined Services XV's

Two Rugby matches will be held to-morrow afternoon on the Club ground at Happy Valley when Combined Services will field senior and junior fifteens against Club-Police fifteens. The Service sides are as follows:

1st XV (4.30 p.m.)—Honeywell (Navy), Richards (Army), Douglas (Army), Paul (Navy) and Bowden (Navy); Carter (Navy), Capt. and Rutherford (Navy), Rutherford (Army), Watson (Navy), Bompas (Army), Miller (Army), King (Navy), Pinkerton (Army), Berry (Army) and P. (Navy).
2nd XV (5.15 p.m.)—Fairclough (Army), Macdonald (Army), Shipwell (Army), Hook (Army), Capt. and Marsh (Army), Pearce (Army) and Dobbinson (Army); Palmer (Navy), Hewitt (Army), Winter (Navy), Stockton (Navy), Even (Army), Flynn (Navy), Gillam (Army) and Wilson (Navy).

Kwangsi Wine Prohibition

KWEILIN, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Tightening the ban on wine drinking, the Kwangsi Provincial Government has issued a proclamation that beginning from March 1 if wine is found to have been used at any feast or social gathering, a fine of N.C. \$100 will be imposed.

Brewing and the sale of wine are also prohibited by a previous governmental order as a measure to conserve rice, malt and other food-stuffs.

Panama Canal Lock Work

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CRISTOBAL, Feb. 19 (Domel).—Construction work on the Third Lock in the Panama Canal was started to-day from Gatun Lake. At a total cost of \$8,000,000, the work will be completed in two years eight months. Bids for the engineering work were made in December, last year.

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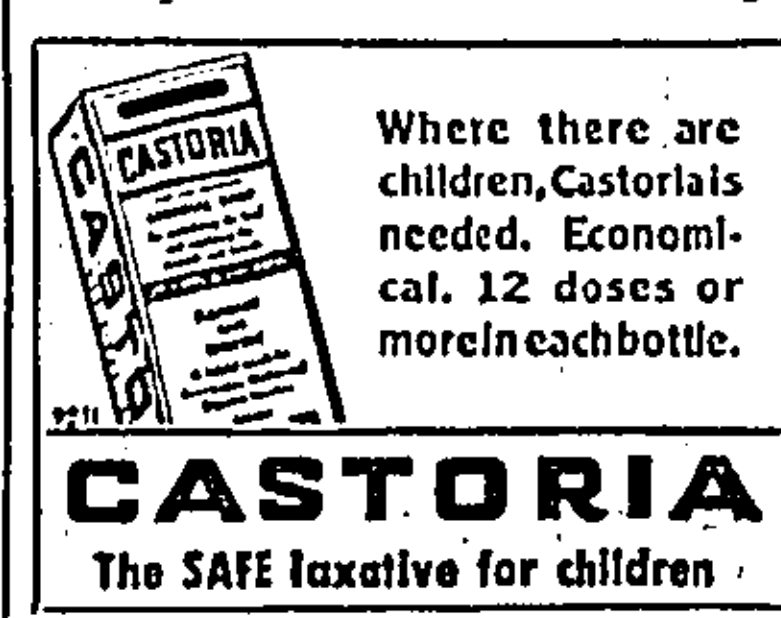


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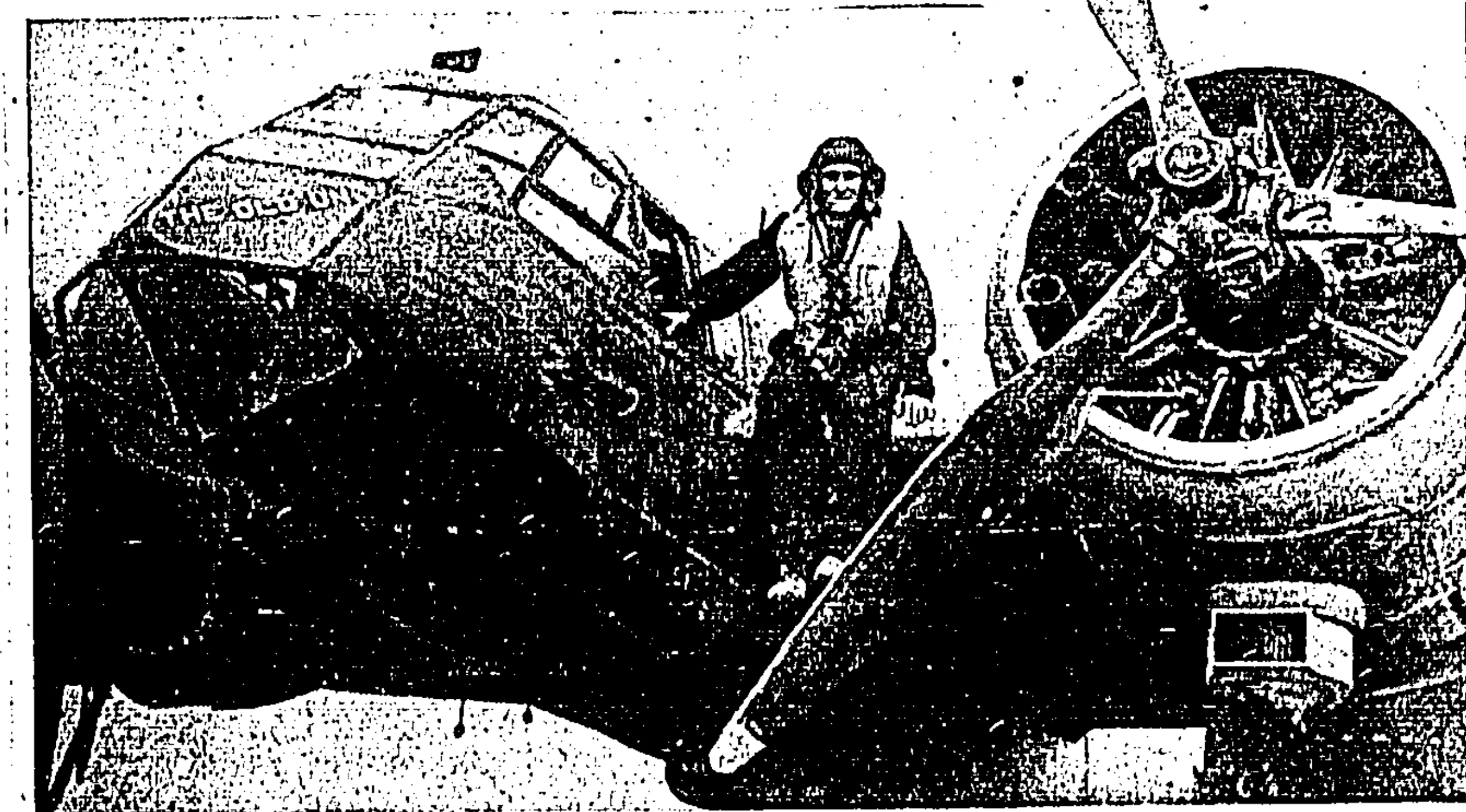
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Incidents Of The First Two Days

Two Ponies Destroyed: Five Jockeys Injured: Dismal Forecast For To-morrow

CERTAINLY IT WAS WISE on the part of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to postpone the Third Day of the Annual Race Meeting (which was scheduled for last Wednesday) until to-morrow on account of the heavy showers, and the Fourth Day's programme is to be contested on Monday.

As I write, the forecast by the Royal Observatory is not very encouraging and it seems to me that there are no prospects of clearing the heavy clouds. We are now in the foggy season, but it is sincerely hoped that we shall have bright sunny days for the rest of the Carnival because we cannot afford to have any more jockeys on the injured list.

The weather clerk was in a certain measure responsible for sending two Australian ponies (Jungle Princess and Melody Star) to the happy hunting grounds, but that was not all the damage. The grass track was almost like a paddy field with incessant downpour after the running of the Hongkong Derby, and it will cost some money to returf the course.

Mr D. G. Woo was the first rider to get "a nasty end" in the Coral Handicap, and Mr S. W. Tang came to grief in the Australian Valley Stakes.

In the last event, Wakool Handicap, run on Tuesday, Lt.-Com-

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On Saturday, 22nd, and Monday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.
The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
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Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Nazi Gaolers Beaten 27-0

By Aston Villa!

At a German prison camp, members of a black-uniformed SS guard regiment challenged the British prisoners to a game of soccer. Eleven Britons promptly volunteered to play.

With the score 27-0 in favour of the British, the Nazis stopped the game, and later discovered that the Britons were the complete second-string team of Liverpool's top-ranking Aston Villa F.C.

The team had enlisted as a body and had been captured intact at Dunkirk.

maunder D. H. S. Craven and Mr Peter Wei were both badly bumped off; the former is now in the Royal Naval Hospital with a dislocated shoulder while Mr Wei is in the Hongkong Sanatorium with a bad face.

In the Sydney Malden Stakes (second section), which was the fifth event of the First Day, Mr H. Holden on A Surprising Time was so badly kicked by a pony that he was not seen in the saddle after that incident.

Not only is the absence of these five class jockeys badly felt by the owners, but the postponement has undoubtedly thrown the trainers' plans out of gear.

Leading Jockey

By the way, Mr "Vic" Needa heads the list of most successful jockeys with four wins and then comes Mr C. Moller with three successes. Under the category of a couple the honour is shared by Messrs W. H. S. Davis, H. J. A. Hearne, S. C. Liang and H. C. Pih, but the champion jockey Mr D. Black has not as yet crossed the wire first.

Basketball

EXHIBITION MATCH

U.S. Tourists Play To-morrow

THE 20TH CENTURY Fox Film Basketball team, fresh from a successful tour of the Philippine Islands are due to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow morning.

They are scheduled to play in the evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Bridges St against an all-star Hongkong quintette, composed of the leading players now in the Colony from Shanghai and Canton, as well as the local stars.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund. A programme of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors during their short stay here.

The visiting Californians, who won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, are all former American College Stars and are considered to be standard exponents of the cage game.

Lecture

A LECTURE on the intricacies of modern basketball will be given by Capt. Knowles, who was a member of the American Olympic team that won the world's title at Berlin in 1936, and one or two other members of the team at the Chinese Association.

Charlesber Disappoints In Hongkong Derby

GENERALLY SPEAKING Hongkong owners must feel proud that the last Hongkong Derby for China ponies has not gone to Shanghai, though Mr Eric Moller made a strong bid to capture the Blue Riband with two starters.

After the success of Oolong in the Maiden Stakes over six furlongs, it was a foregone conclusion that Mr T. K. Li's candidate would run away with the classic event and Mr Needa, as usual, timed his mount to a nicely beating Velvetlight and Lovelyleigh in 3.02 flat for 1½ miles.

The running of Charlesber in the rear of the first three placed ponies in the Hongkong Derby was a great disappointment to a galaxy of rail birds, and I have reason to believe that the failure was short of a gallop.

Quandary

THE stallion was only nominated for the Trial Plate to be run on the first day, but with the postponement came owing to the inclement weather, Mr Bradbury was left in a quandary.

A "dress rehearsal" of 1½ miles on the eve of the Hongkong Derby on a soft going was no doubt a tough proposition, and the owner had no alternative but to weigh out for the long distance test without a first public appearance.

Had the original programme been carried out, Charlesber would have had a nice rest on the seventh day of the week and would have entered the arena well tuned for the big fight on Monday.

As a big owner, Mr Bradbury could have afforded an additional entry to his candidate for the Maiden Stakes over six furlongs.

"Y" Hockey XI

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. first and second elevens at Hockey to-morrow against the Nomads and the Tulsa, respectively, on the "Y" Ground.
XI, at 4.15 p.m.—Dewell, Taylor and Youliffe; Jordan, Combe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Olson and Dunn.
2nd XI, at 5 p.m.—Clergett, Ballon and Whitburn; Smith, Gorman and Spence; Macey, Olson, Dorrner, Fancey and Banks.

Prospects For The Rooty-Hill Derby

Spirited Competition

TO-MORROW, the most important event on the card is the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup confined to Australian Subscription griffins of this season and the jaunt is over 1½ miles.

Much was expected of vitamin M. and Endeavour, but the failure of these two ponies on the first day suggests that the state of going was not to their liking. Both ran green, and I am afraid that their prospects for the big classic are not rosy at all.

Vitamin M. put up a better show, romping home third in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) and the verdict was a head in favour of the winner, National Welfare, with the same margin separating Happy Returns and Vitamin M.

Lee Lan-sang's Confidence Justified

ANNEXING The Austral Derby with his Distant View, Mr Li Lan-sang came into prominence. He purchased the progeny of Farr for \$8,000, and has become the first to win the classic event for imported griffins by the Race Club.

Whether it was through sentiment that he bought the pony due to the success of Farr View who won an aggregate sum of \$7,023 during last season, I do not know, but the owner was certainly justified in the confidence he placed only in the pedigree.

However, the Austral Derby does not require much description, for Distant View jumped to the front at the release of the tape and was never headed again. Perhaps, the severest blow to owners was the easy win by "many lengths," and the jockey Mr Pih had an arm chair ride.

Malden Stakes (first prize \$1,750) and the Blue Riband valued \$3,500 have given the owner a total income of \$5,250.

There is good reason to say that Distant View will have a go at the Australian Ponies Champions (Winner \$3,500) and Sapper will have to be at his best to turn the scales.

Football Teams

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International's XI

The following will represent International A. C. against Royal Navy in

the Junior Shield on Sunday at Causeway Bay at 2.45 p.m.:
Maik Yung-fung; V. Marques and N. Delgado; W. Wilkinson; Heath and F. J. N. Body; W. Sprinkle; Reserves, L. L. Rocha, J. Tavares and J. Gough.

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Greeks Appeal To Athletic World

Protest Against Italy

The magnificent stand by the Greeks in their present campaign against the Italian legions in Albania has an interesting sequel in a world-wide protest against this unjust attack by a great Power against a smaller nation, in the form of an appeal to sportsmen to propagate Greece's cause for liberty and honour, which was received in Hongkong by Dr C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington and a member of the International Olympic Committee.

The appeal is from John Katsanos, Hon. Secretary of the Greek Olympic Committee, which is under the presidency of H.R.H. Crown Prince Paul, and is addressed to the National Olympic Games Committee and to athletes of the world. It reads:

A month ago, a meeting of the Greek Olympic Games Committee had been convened for the afternoon of October 28, 1940. The subject for discussion was to have been the International Olympic idea, particularly the possibility of celebrating the proper time, classical Olympic games and the foundation of an International Olympic Academy.

This meeting was never held; for at 3 a.m. that day, Italy delivered to Greece her ultimatum, demanding, in substance, the surrender of Greek territory under the threat of armed invasion and occupation.

Insulting Challenge

To this insulting challenge the leaders of the Greek nation answered with a laconic "no."

The Greek people as one man took up this "no," and it has become the slogan of our struggle. Events are showing that this "no" of Greece is not an empty word, but expresses her unshakable decision to defend her liberty and her honour with all her power. We need not elaborate on this, the events speak for themselves.

When, 2,500 years ago, our ancestors, the ancient Greeks, also answered "no" to the Persian invader, they carried on unbroken their athletic events and traditions. Following in their footsteps, the modern Olympic Games Committee met on November 22, 1940, with the leaders of all the athletic organizations of Greece to discuss how best to continue the athletic life of the country under the new war conditions.

Unjust Attack

The Committee decided to communicate with you, the members of the world-wide athletic family, to protest against the unjust and sudden attack of a great Power against a small one. In addressing ourselves to colleagues who, as sportsmen, have a true appreciation of honourable and chivalrous competition, of fair play, we feel sure that we shall find in you a spirit of complete understanding and sympathy.

We had done nothing to provoke this war. But once aroused, we have accepted it unhesitatingly and will prosecute it to the end. Greece is not fighting for imperialistic or material aims. She is fighting for her liberty, for her honour, for the obligation imposed on her by the 3,000 years of her history.

The finest expression of the ancient Greek athletic ideal is perhaps found in the sayings: "To excel all."

Cricket Teams Selected

The friendly junior cricket match between Club de Recreio and Hongkong Cricket Club, originally arranged for King's Park, will now be played at Chater Road.

The following will represent Club "A":
H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, J. L. Hiley, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Paine and D. S. Robb.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. second team in their League Cricket match against University of Pokfulam to-morrow at 2 p.m.:
M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, S. Leonard, J. W. Leonard, A. D. Hanson, F. A. Lee, A. Hume, J. H. Zennal, T. Luck, C. W. Lam and W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Choa.

ways," and "One often is best, to fight for one's country." It is for exactly this ideal that Greece is fighting today.

We are confident that every true sports-lover will feel his heart beat with ours, will feel himself at this time so much a Greek that our joy will be his joy and our suffering his suffering. And we address ourselves to you, athletes of all the world, who are prepared by your athletic training to appreciate the quality of the uneven fight which Greece is waging, a fight made fiercer by its very unevenness. From you we ask your moral help in this difficult competition now entered by our country, which is, after all, your country too, for we athletes have all one common mother-land Olympia.

We call upon you for a campaign of propaganda, to spread as widely as possible in your circles your conviction that Greece is now standing as defender of the ideals of liberty and honour, until this becomes the conviction of all, and a world-wide intellectual reform, condemning the principle of the rule of material force.

Dr. Wang's Reply

Dr. C. T. Wang, who attended the Berlin Olympiad as China's representative on the International Olympic Committee, has replied to Mr Katsanos as follows:

I hasten to express to you the admiration of our people in general and our athletes in particular for the bravery and patriotism of your people. The heroic stand you have taken and the great successes you have achieved speak louder than words. We, in China, have been fighting resolutely for three-and-a-half years for exactly the same things you have been fighting for, namely for honour and for liberty. We will not fail to give the widest publicity to your letter.

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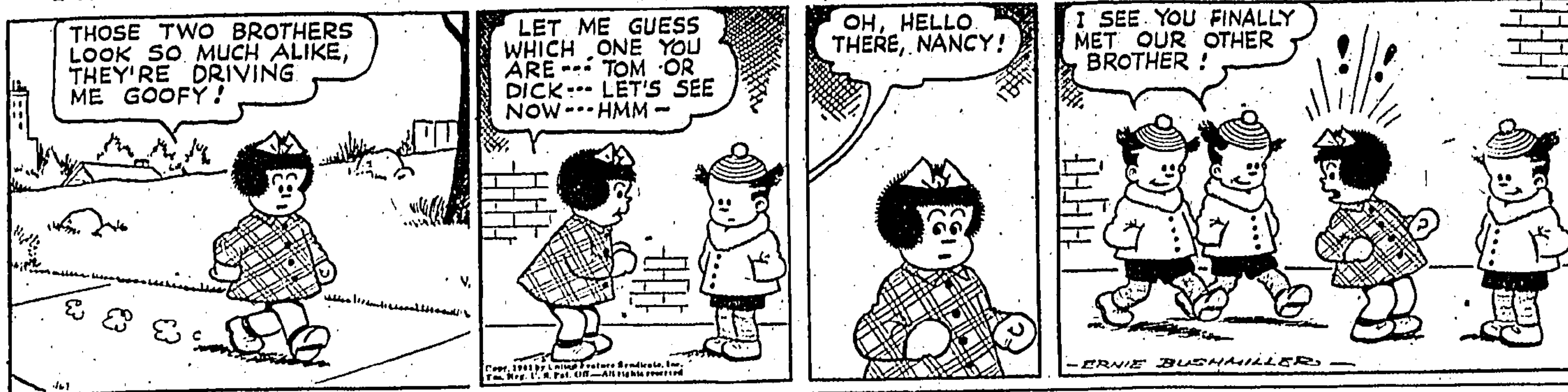
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Dr Li Shu-fan's Service On Council Thanked

Tributes to Dr Li Shu-fan, who recently declined to accept reappointment for a second term of office as a Chinese Unofficial Member on the Legislative Council for reasons of health, were paid at a meeting of the Council yesterday.

The Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, who presided, said: Since this Council last met we have lost the services of one of our Chinese representatives, Dr Li Shu-fan, who has, since January, 1937, been a valued member. In all matters concerning the Colony's welfare, especially in the sphere of Public Health, Dr Li has given his services without stint, and I should not like his retirement from this Council to pass without expressing the gratitude of the Government and of the community for his valuable services. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Senior Chinese unofficial member, said: Sir, On behalf of my Chinese colleagues, as well as on my own behalf, I desire to associate ourselves with your tribute to Dr Li Shu-fan.

As far as I know, Dr Li's severance with this Council is a unique event in its history in that this is the first case in which a Chinese Member of this Council has been unable to accept a reappointment for a second term of office for reasons of health.

On his return from his trip to Europe and America at the beginning of this year, he was warned by his medical advisers not to subject himself to the strain of excessive work, and his colleagues and friends know that it was only a compelling sense of public duty which induced him to persevere in his duties as a representative of the Chinese until the termination of his term of office. Those who have been privileged to work with him could not but be struck with his courtesy and spirit of co-operation, and I would like to tender to him an expression of gratitude for his kindness and assistance to me throughout the whole period of our collaboration.

Although we shall miss his presence in this Council, I am glad that Dr Li's services, which his medical knowledge and wide experience render so valuable, will continue to be available to the Colony. In the name of the Chinese community I

First Aid Lectures Starting

Auxiliary Nursing

A series of lectures in first aid will commence on March 5 at 5.30 p.m. at the Helena May Institute. The Secretary, Auxiliary Nursing Service, Queen Mary Hospital, will be glad to receive names of those wishing to attend.

Since the last published list the following members have completed their 40-hour hospital training in the wards and gained the proficiency certificate:

Sarah Abdullah, Ena Alves, Stella Bander, Sheila Baskett, Enid Becken, Margaret Clark, Elizabeth Davies, Hilma Gueves, Winifred Griffin, Gudrun Heiberg, Sister St George, Helen Hawkins, Sister Jean de Eucharista, Nina Kurnilova, Kwan Wai-ying, Rosa Losby, Dora Lancaster, Mary Lo, Anne Mackenzie, Mahmuda Mehal, Eileen Monks, Winifred Margaret, Leslie Puckle, Edna Pockson, Marie Paterson, Sister St. Phillips, Doris Rocha, Margaret Starling, Maud Smith, Sister St. Stephen, Lucy Suttell, Anna Tanner, Sister Theresa, Guilaumina Van der Laan, Valentine Vargassoff, Norah Wentworth, Naomi Walton Smith.

London, Feb. 20.

The death was announced to-day of Sir Hamilton Harty, leading British conductor and composer.



IN AND OUT—Former U.S. Vice President John N. Garner, right, lets the smoke curl from his characteristic cigar as he shakes hands with the new Vice President Henry A. Wallace, in Washington. Garner was second to Roosevelt during the second term.

Grandson of Kaiser Leaves

A grandson of former Kaiser Wilhelm, Prince Friedrich of Prussia, was reported to be among 250 to 300 internees who sailed recently for England from Canada.

A part of the group was released to volunteer for air raid salvage work; others, on recommendation of the British Home Office that they were not menaces to the State, will resume normal occupations; and still others are being returned to appear before review boards or for other reasons.

Friedrich, son of the former Crown Prince of Germany, was prominent in London society circles just before the war.

He was interned in Scotland in November, 1939. It was reported from Berlin at that time. Later he was said unofficially to have been brought to a camp near Ottawa.

FLOWERS FOR A RAIDER

The inscription, "To Some Mother's Son," was on a card tied to a solitary bunch of flowers at the funeral of a Nazi airman buried at Marking.

He was one of the crew of a night raider brought down by London's balloon barrage.

GENEREROUS GESTURE

Ladies Hockey Assn.

AS the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association had never felt so secure financially, the Chairman expressed the opinion, at the annual meeting last night, that this was the time for a generous gesture on their part, and suggested that \$400 be donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Miss E. M. Gray, who said: Six teams competed in the senior league, Y.M.C.A. winning the Cner Clarke Cup for the fourth year in succession, and St Andrew's being runners-up for the Southern Cup. In the junior league seven teams competed, resulting in Argonauts winning the Brawn Cup and D. G. S. taking second position for the Namak Cup.

The annual seven-a-side tournament resulted in the Pearce Cup being won by C.B.A., and the Knill Cup by Argonauts. Special mention should be made of the splendid effort on the part of the Argonauts, who, in their first year of competitive hockey, won both the Brawn and Knill Cups.

Miss Gray explained how it was she was taking the Chair although the resignation of Mrs T. E. Pearce, the office of President had been left vacant, and she had been asked to act for the remaining portion of the season.

The accounts showed a healthy balance, with cash in bank amounting to \$1,455.04.

Officers Elected
Miss Gray proposed that the office of President be left vacant until conditions were more normal. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Officers elected were: Vice-President, Miss E. M. Gray; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss R. Smith; Council—Misses M. Remedios, A. Alves (Recreolo); Mrs O. Burnett, Miss M. McCaw (Y.M.C.A.); Misses M. Smalley, M. Booker (Hongkong); Mrs I. Joyce, Miss P. Baxter (C.B.A.); Misses F. Wong, C. White (St. Andrew's); Misses E. Churn, V. Jex (D.G.S.); Mrs C. Figueroa, Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts).

It was decided to let the Cner Clarke Cup competition lapse this year, but to continue the seven-a-side tournament. In these games the one club that did not have seven players (Y.M.C.A.) would be adopted by other clubs. The Chairman also proposed that the Tournament be used to raise money for the Bomber Fund.

It was decided that clubs contribute their usual annual subscriptions for membership fees. The question of the safety of the Association's challenge cups was discussed and it was decided that the cups be stored with the shield, in the bank.

It was decided that the Association should compete for the Pearce Cup and Knill Cup this year.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The market remains quiet and featureless.

Buyers
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 94
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170
Providents \$5.75
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50
Lights "O" \$6

Sellers
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) 95
H.K. Steamships \$9
Hotels \$3.00
Realities \$3.50
Trams \$17.75
Lights \$0.20

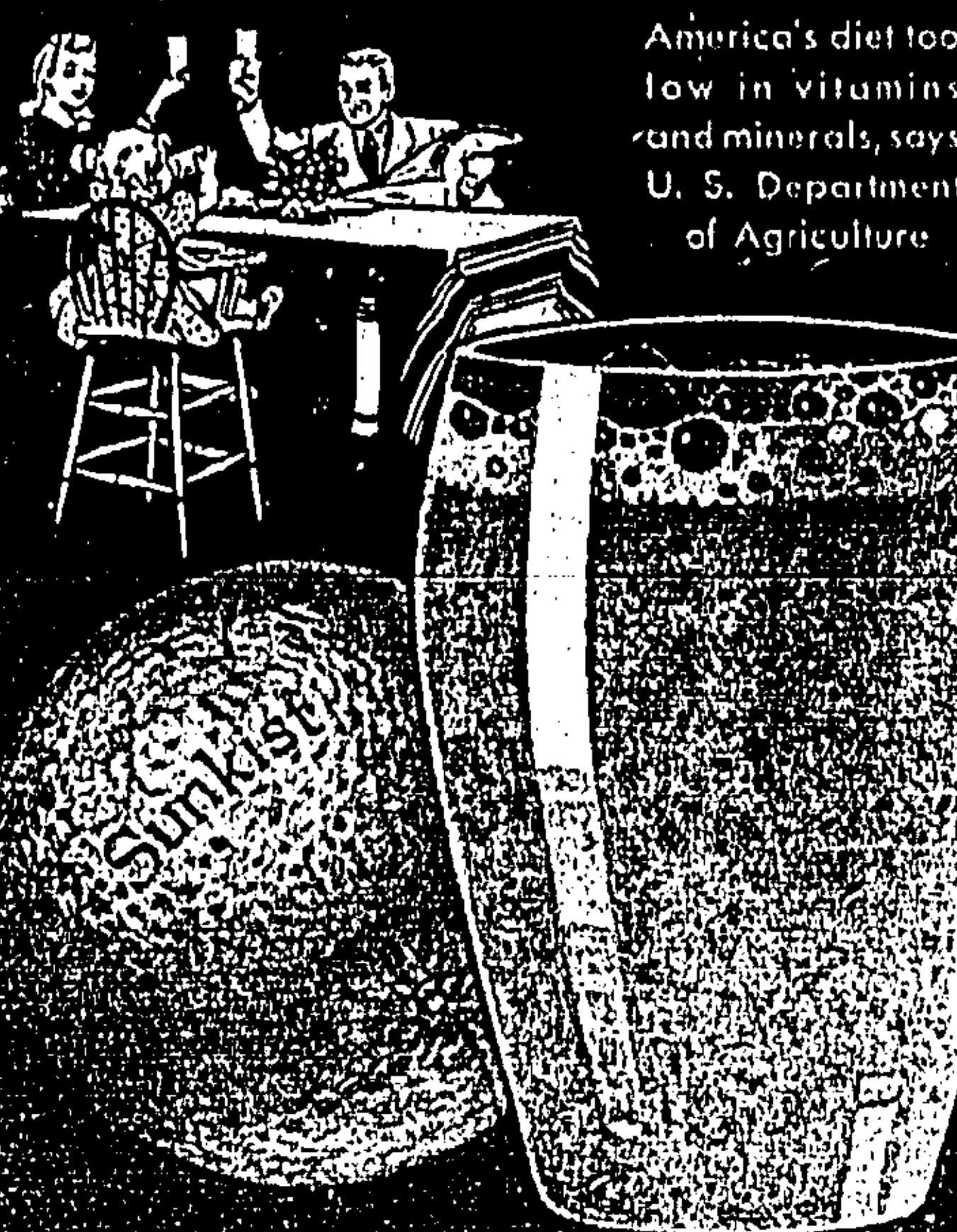
Sales
Providents \$5.75
Lands \$34
Trams \$17.50
Electricity "O" \$39.25
Electricity "N" \$38.75

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS LATEST SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,003,007.03 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:
Some donors of the Hongkong Cricket Club \$ 50
Mr and Mrs B. Wylie (in memory of the late Mrs W. P. Hedley) 5
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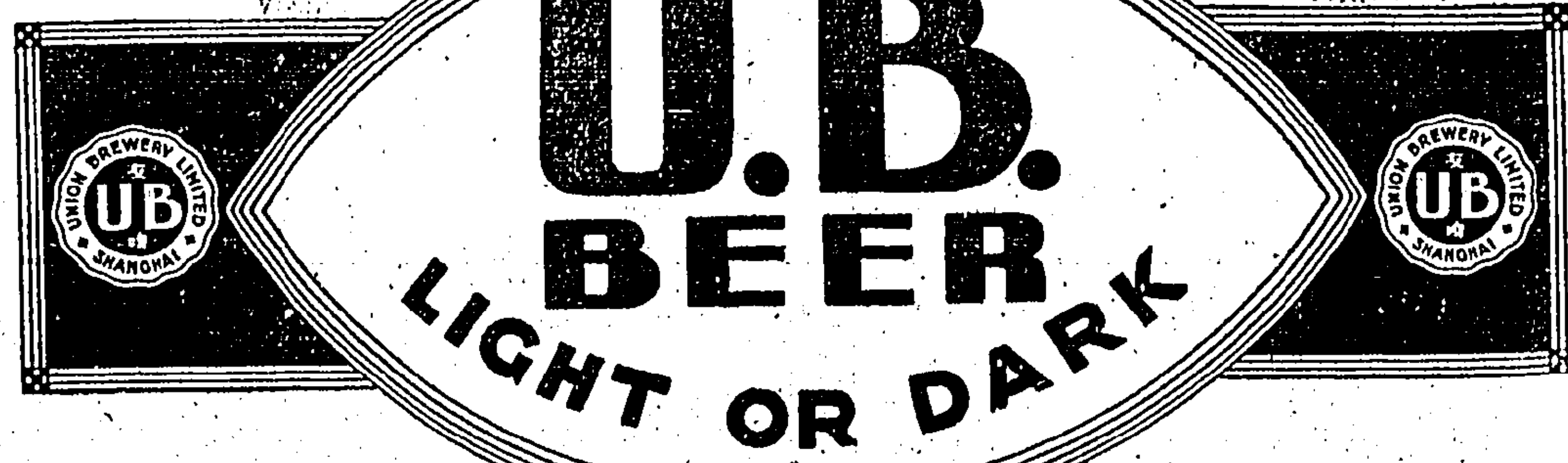
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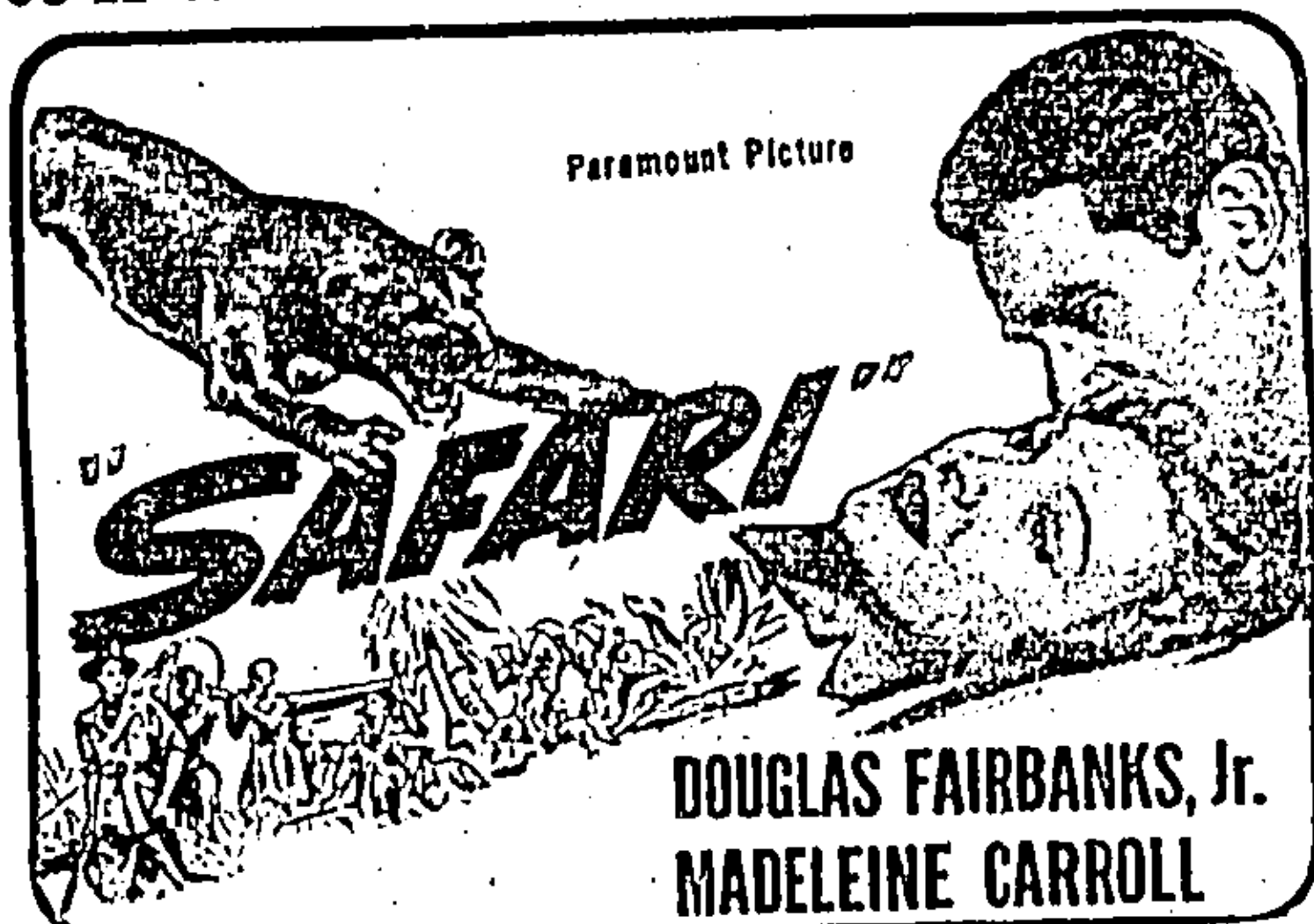
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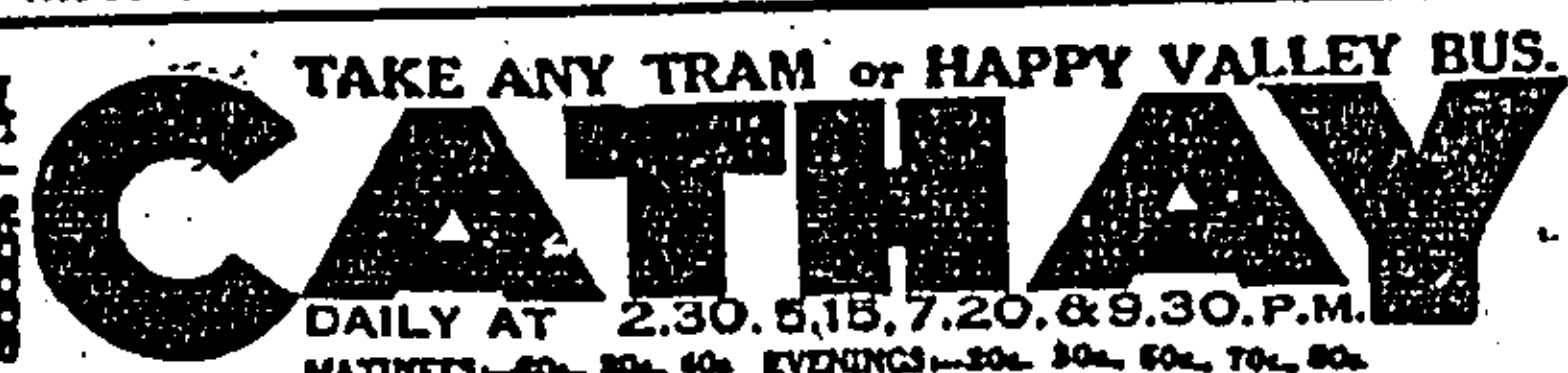
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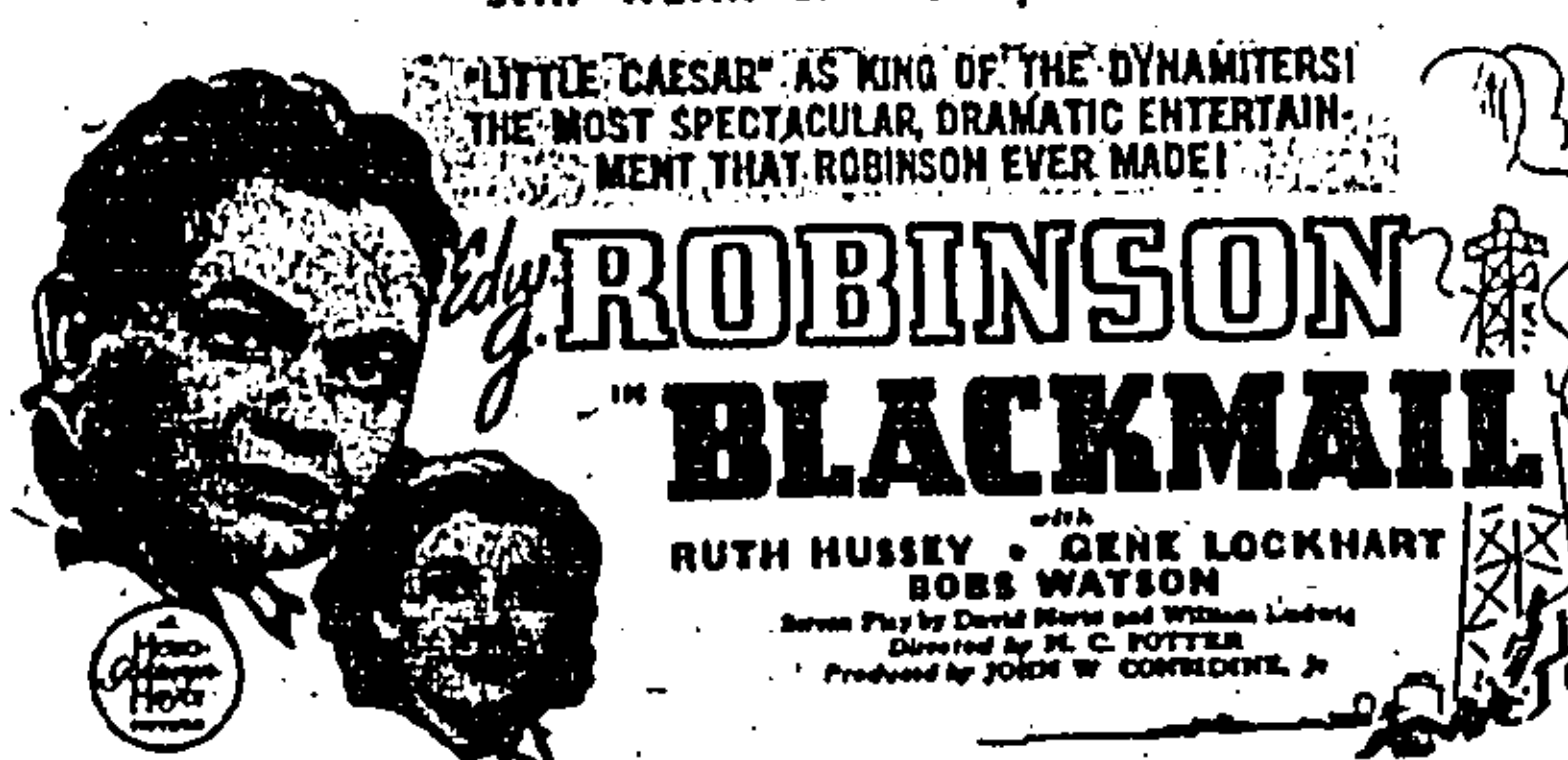
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Stirring Success Of British Arm in Africa

FROM PAGE ONE

there and the latter have been aided in the supply service by Cypriots who, for the first time, fight on the British side.

"South-east to Eritrea you find in the extreme north British troops advancing near the coast and threatening the Italian right flank. A hundred miles southward, British and Indian troops have made dramatic advances to the Sudan, capturing Kassa, Bleda and Agordat, and are attacking the immensely strong position of Keren.

"Further south, the British and Indian troops have captured Barentu and are still advancing.

"A fourth force of British, Imperial and Sudanese have captured Gumbat and is advancing toward Gondar. Further 600 miles on, South African troops have advanced to the east of Lake Rudolf, penetrating deep into Abyssinia and have with the Rhodesians and the King's African Rifles, cleared all Kenya of the enemy and are thrusting north.

"Finally 600 miles further east, troops of the Gold Coast, with the King's African Rifles, have conquered a great area of Italian Somaliland and have captured the important port of Kismayu and are now on the line of the River Juba (Latest reports say that the River has been crossed by British troops—Ed.).

"When we remember that Canadian divisions and New Zealanders, with gunners from Newfoundland, are standing here at the vital part of this struggle to meet the first shock of invasion, that Australians and Imperial troops are reinforcing Singapore, that squadrons of Dominion air-men are sharing the highest honours of the heavens with the flower of the Old Country's youth and that from the great Imperial centre of Canada they are coming and will yet come in their scores of thousands, we have a real answer to Hitler—the brotherhood of free men in arms, inspired by a common faith and fighting for the common freedom that they prize above all.

"This is the real 'New Order'—a comradeship so closely united that it marches steadily through the valley of death so that the British Empire and civilisation as a whole may survive and triumph over the foul and evil thing which seeks to destroy the soul of man."

Currie's Travels

FROM PAGE ONE

Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government.

At noon the American visitors were entertained at a luncheon given jointly by the Provincial Government, the Szechwan Pacification Headquarters and other government organisations.

In the afternoon, they were guests at a tea given by General and Madame Chang Chun.

Conservancy Work Seen
CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Central News)—Dr Currie, and Mr Emile Despres, research official in the Economic Division of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, went this morning to Kunhsien, north-west of Chungking where they inspected water conservancy work.

They returned to Chungking immediately after the inspection and attended at noon a luncheon party given in their honour by the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations and the Sino-British Cultural Association.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon they flew back to Chungking.

Manchukuo—Ship Telephone Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISINKING, Feb. 20 (Domel)—The Manchukuo Telephone and Telegraph Company, which has been conducting experiments in establishing telephonic communication between ocean liners on the Japan-Manchukuo service since last summer, will open its service as from April.

For the present, conversations from ships at sea will be limited to Dairen only, but later the service will be extended to include Hsinking and other cities. Hitherto there have been no such ship to land telephone facilities on the Japan-Manchukuo line.

Japan Woos S. American Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Domel)—Educational missions from Chile and Argentina will arrive in Japan shortly on a tour of inspection and will report to their countrymen on wartime conditions in Japan.

The visitors from Chile, including Professor Anna H. Fernandez of the University of Chile and two other women education experts, are expected to arrive in Yokohama to-morrow aboard the Hiye Maru for a two months' tour of Japan, Korea and Manchukuo.

From Argentina, Mr Jose Ortiz, son of President Dr Roberto M. Ortiz of Argentina, is expected in the middle of May on an inspection tour of Japan's education, industry and culture.

Preparations are being made by the Tourist Bureau to welcome the visitors who will be given every facility on their inspection tours in order to allay recent misgivings in South America.

RUSSIAN CRITICISM Japanese Weakness In War Of Nerves

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—The Soviet army paper, the "Red Star", commenting on what it calls Japan's "weak points" in what it terms a war of nerves between Japan, Britain and the United States, refers to Japan's military preparations and the "movement southward" and says, "the weak and vulnerable points in these preparations were recently pointed out by Mr Hirota, President of the Japanese Diet."

The paper issued a reminder that Japan depends to a considerable extent on her supplies of raw materials from abroad. Mr Hirota's statement casts light on the motives for the statements by Japanese officials in the peculiar war of nerves going on between the Japanese and Anglo-American bloc.

Comparing these statements with the reported activities of the Japanese military authorities, the paper remarks that some foreign observers find a "certain division of labour" between the diplomatic and military departments of Japan.

LATE NEWS

British Armed Cruiser Sunk

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—H.M.S. Crispin, an armed auxiliary vessel of the Royal Navy, has been sunk, announces the Admiralty.

The next of kin of the casualties have been advised.

The Crispin, was of 5,071 tons, built in 1935. In peacetime she was one of the Booth Line vessels carrying both passengers and cargo.

Turkey Won't Permit Nazis To Cross

FROM PAGE ONE

bad days and Allies with the same ideals."

Axis Claims Ridiculous

ISTANBUL, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—"Turkey's policy is tightly linked up with that of Britain by an alliance unchanged and unchangeable," writes M. Sadek, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, who is generally regarded as a semi-official spokesman.

He added, "Bulgaria is not only pledged by the Ankara Pact to Turkey, but also to Greece. If this engagement is not respected, Turkey resumes her freedom of action. The declaration conforms with the spirit of the Anglo-Turkish alliance. Propagandist claims that it constitutes an Axis victory are ridiculous."

Accord With Yugo-Slavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (Domel)—Following up the Bulgarian-Turkish non-aggression agreement, Turkey will announce a similar accord with Yugo-Slavia in the next few days, according to information reaching here.

Negotiations for the agreement have been in progress between the two countries on the basis of the suggestions made by German authorities during the recent visit to Germany by the Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign Minister, it was further reported.

Important Advance By British Troops

FROM PAGE ONE

Imperial troops further north has filled us in East Africa with pride and excited thought. No doubt the ensuing period has touched us with envy and there has been a strong desire to emulate their achievement. The chance is now here. This force is no whit behind in courage and endurance. Confident in this, I send to the South African and West African troops participating in the operations a message of good luck."

German Apologies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—Somewhat belatedly the German official news agency is now endeavouring to give a more flattering picture of Italian resistance in Libya.

The agency says that according to information gathered from British prisoners captured in North Africa, Italian guns at Bardia had a "murderous effect on the enemy."

It adds that of over 2,000 British attackers, only about 100 came through unscathed and the remainder were mown down by shrapnel or decimated by Italian machine-guns.

Wounded natives, says the agency, are now being cared for in Egypt and thousands of wounded Australians have been sent to Palestine where all the hospitals are already crowded out.

Actually the British losses have already been made clear by a communique issued at Cairo on January 8 which stated that the "total British and Australian casualties incurred in the capture of Bardia were less than 600."

WAR TROPHIES Chinese Remember Yarnell

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Central News)—Many trophies captured by the Chinese in north Hunan have been sent here to be presented to Admiral H. E. Yarnell, former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, in appreciation of his sympathy with and support to China's resistance.

Malayan War Contribution
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—Malaya's latest contribution to the Empire's war effort is a free gift of £450,000 raised by war taxation and additional Customs duties from September to December, 1940.

Lord Moyne, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has gratefully acknowledged the gift.

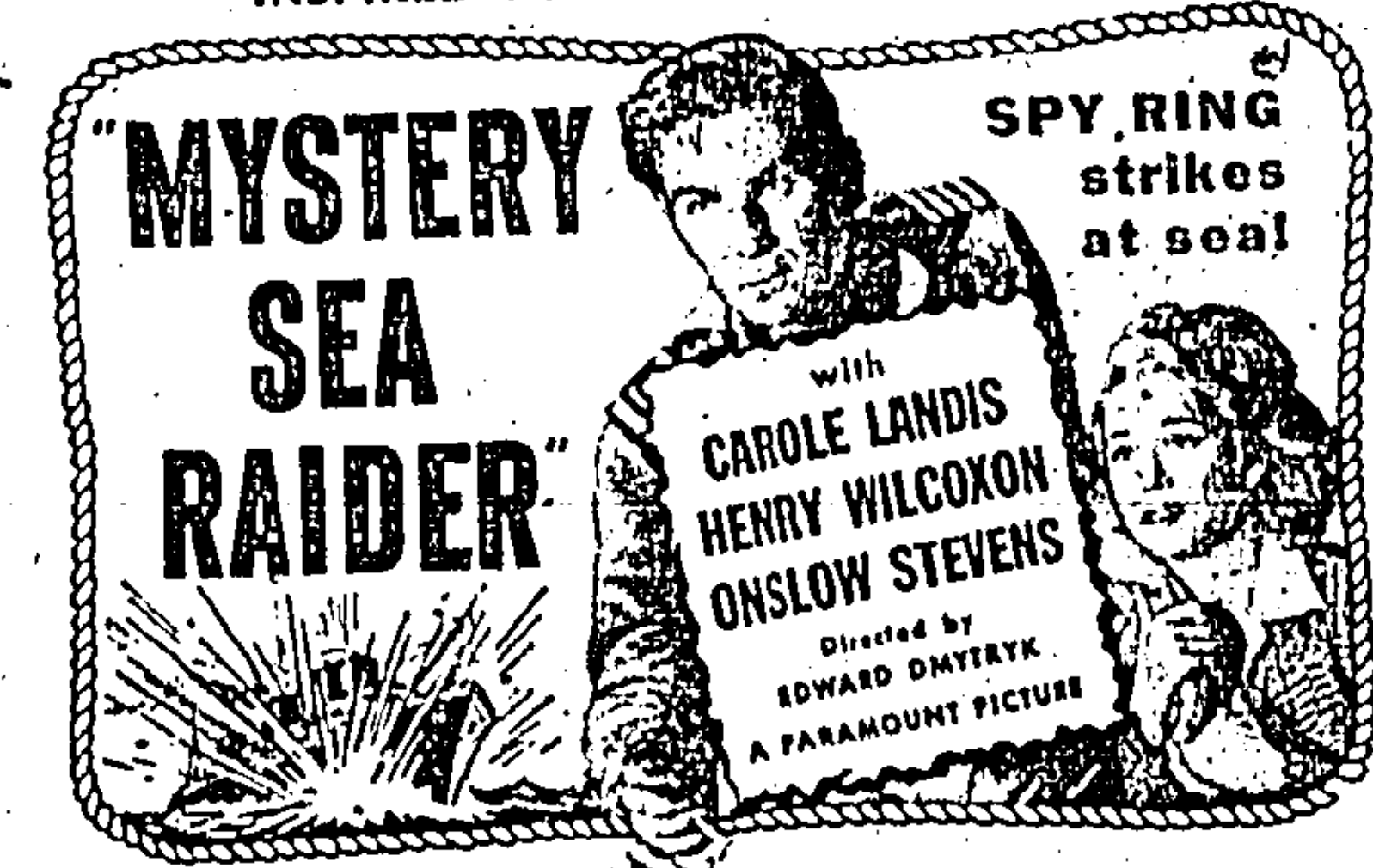
Conscription In Malta

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—Conscription was introduced in Malta to-day. The Governor is empowered to call all males between the ages of 18 and 41 for military service.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$ c.d.	1,400 n.
H.K. Banks E x d.	74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) E x d.	76 n.
Chartered \$ c.d.	73 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A & B \$ c.d.	23 n.
Mercantile, C \$ c.d.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia \$ c.d.	70 n.
INSURANCES	
Cantons \$ c.d.	215 n.
Union \$ c.d.	412 1/2 n.
China Underwriters \$ c.d.	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$ c.d.	170 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas \$ c.d.	135 n.
Steamboats \$ c.d.	9 n.
Indo-China P. \$ c.d.	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$ c.d.	60 n.
Shell (Dealers) \$ c.d.	40 7/8 n.
Waterboats \$ c.d.	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$ c.d.	90 n.
Docks (old) \$ c.d.	17.80 n.
Docks (new) \$ c.d.	17 n.
Providents \$ c.d.	5 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyard \$ c.d.	27 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan \$ c.d.	18 n.
Rauha \$ c.d.	8 n.
H.K. Mines \$ c.d.	1 1/4 n.
LANDS	
Hotel \$ c.d.	3.60 n.
Lands \$ c.d.	34 n.
Lands 4% Debentures \$ c.d.	11 1/2 n.
Shai Lands \$ c.d.	11 1/2 n.
Shumprays \$ c.d.	7.05 n.
H.K. Realities \$ c.d.	3.45 n.
Chinese Estates \$ c.d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams \$ c.d.	17 3/4 n.
Peak Trams (old) \$ c.d.	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$ c.d.	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$ c.d.	57 n.
Y. Ferries \$ c.d.	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$ c.d.	1.67 1/2 n.
China Lights (new) \$ c.d.	39 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$ c.d.	38 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$ c.d.	17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (old) \$ c.d.	16 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights \$ c.d.	12 n.
Telephones (old) \$ c.d.	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$ c.d.	10.20 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$ c.d.	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$ c.d.	25 n.
Canton Ice \$ c.d.	1.1 n.
Cement \$ c.d.	17 1/4 n.
H.K. Ropes \$ c.d.	8 1/2 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms \$ c.d.	10.20 n.
Watsons \$ c.d.	10.05 n.
Lane Crawford \$ c.d.	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres \$ c.d.	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$ c.d.	30 n.
Powell Ltd. \$ c.d.	1.90 n.
COTTONS	
Ewo Sh. \$ c.d.	41 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$ c.d.	205 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4% (1934) \$ c.d.	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) \$ c.d.	95 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) \$ c.d.	94 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1025 GSBds. 42/47 \$ c.d.	42 1/4 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$ c.d.	7 n.
Constructions (old) \$ c.d.	1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$ c.d.	1.1 n.
Wine Bldg. \$ c.d.	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lond.) \$ c.d.	67 3/4 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$ c.d.	2/6 n.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The market remains quiet and featureless.

Buyers
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 94
H.K. Fire Ins. \$170
Providents \$5.75
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50
Lights "O" \$0

Sellers
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 95
H.K. Steamboats \$0
Holsa \$3.00
Realities \$3.50
Trams \$17.50
Lights \$20.20

Sales
Providents \$5.75
Lands \$34
Trams \$17.50
Electricity "O" \$39.25
Electricity "N" \$38.75



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange Business on Monday, the 24th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Notice is hereby given that freight rates will be increased by approximately 10% effective April 1st, 1941. A revised tariff sheet will be issued.

HONGKONG/CARIBBEAN SEA PORTS RATE AGREEMENT

Hongkong, February 19, 1941.

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Hongkong, February 19, 1941.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post

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The Hongkong Telegraph

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End Of Empire In Sight

Italian Colonists In Danger

London, Feb. 20. Doubts regarding the fate of Italian civilians in Abyssinia have increased with reports that 15,000 tribesmen are in revolt around Addis Ababa. The position is reported to be already such that it is unsafe for Italians to emerge from the capital after dark, even with an armed escort.

Fears have increased that the further spread of the revolt might entail the massacre of thousands of Italians, including women and children, of whom there are about 200,000 throughout Abyssinia.

One report said that refugees had told its Arab sources that local Italian commanders were considering asking for an armistice to permit the evacuation of civilians. It is known that the British share their fears lest the interior of Abyssinia, may result in the wholesale slaughter of civilians and that they would be prepared to adopt a generous attitude to civilian groups which renounced the protection of the Italian Military and placed themselves in British hands.

Meanwhile, the announcement of further Abyssinian successes has caused London commentators to say that the end of Mussolini's East African Empire is now in sight. It is predicted that the Italians may shortly withdraw from the lowland fringe of outer Abyssinia to the central highlands and may even be forced to fall back on Ethiopia before the British advance from the north cuts off their way of escape.—United Press.

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R.

NOTICE

Will all Jurors who have been summoned to attend at the Supreme Court on Monday next, the 24th day of February, 1941, please note that their attendance is not required until 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1941.

L. A. ANDREWES,
Registrar, Supreme Court,
Hong Kong.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

1.30 Rugby and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Jack Hilton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Elgar—Cockayne Concert Overture, Op. 40.

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GOLD IN RUINS—If you hear a ticking sound in ruins above, it's probably one of watches buried when Hitler's bombers scored hit on this London jewelry shop. Workmen are digging for stock valued at \$100,000.

Britain Will Never Be Beaten—Menzies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"I am delighted to come to England and to say to the people of England on behalf of the people of Australia that we are on your side and that you will never be beaten while there are any of us above the surface," declared Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, to-day.

The principal purpose of his coming was to discuss with the British Government matters of common interest in war co-operation.

Referring to his visit to the Middle East of which he had covered a range of country from Jerusalem to Baghdad and altogether flew about 3,500 miles in the Middle East which was some indication how fast the Australian forces were travelling. He found them all in tremendous fettle. They regarded their operations against the Italians in the nature of a preliminary center. What they wanted to do was to have a go at the Germans.

Mr. Menzies paid tribute to the way in which the people of Britain had taken air attacks and said that he brought from Australia a belief in victory and a definite assurance that so long as Australia has any resources of any description, Great Britain will not stand alone in this war.

Tell The Truth
He wanted to be able to witness at first hand what was going on in Britain so that he could return to Australia and help to create a vivid impression of the truth in Great Britain. He was "sure" that the more clearly the truth would be understood the greater would be the stimulus to Australia's own war effort.

Mr. Menzies added that there was no doubt that Britain would win but she could not win completely unless they all produced the maximum all-round effort.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

LATEST SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BOMBER FUND

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Luftwaffe Attack

Tragic Scenes In Hospital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Luftwaffe heavily attacked South Wales to-night throwing the main weight of the assault against one town.

A steady stream of raiders started flying over soon after nightfall and were met with intense anti-aircraft gunfire.

Large numbers of incendiary bombs and some heavy explosives were showered on the town.

People Killed In Hospital
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Twenty-two persons, mostly patients, were killed and 52 severely injured when a high explosive bomb wrecked a west London County Council Hospital last night.

Eye witnesses said that the bomb crashed through the roof. Half the floors crashed in a great tangle of woodwork and masonry, but half of the building remained in position like large shelves.

Australia Prepares

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Melbourne correspondent of the "Exchange Telegraph" reports that the War Minister, Mr. Spender, after a meeting of the War Council, announced that measures would be taken this week to insure increased preparedness for an emergency.

Militia training will be extended to 90 days and at least half the strength of the Australian forces will be in continuous training.

U.S. Welcomes Move

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The "New York Post" hails the arrival of the Australian troops in Singapore as the first action by the democracies for a decade against Japanese aggression.

Mr. Hughes Opinion
MELBOURNE, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Navy Minister, Mr. A. W. Hughes, said today that if Germany is beaten in the Balkans or the Mediterranean, other Axis Powers including Japan would hasten to surrender. However, he said, Australia is still concerned regarding conditions in the Pacific.

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Nazis Fall In River

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Sixteen German Police officers were drowned when a German lorry in the Czech protectorate near Zlin (Moravia) fell into the river, says a Prague despatch to the German official news agency.

The German version of the incident says that it was due to failure of the brakes.

Japanese Army On The Move

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Japanese army contingents are being transported southward from Formosa and even from Japan itself, according to confirmed reports, says a "Dow-Jones" Shanghai telegram.

The troops are presumably bound for Hainan or northern Indo-China.

POST OFFICE

The General Post Office will be closed at 6 p.m. on Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd, February 1941. Particular notice should be taken of the time of closing the outward "Pan American Air Mail" on Thursday the 27th instant.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien), North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Mail Service to Madagascar and Reunion is temporarily suspended.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Sundakan Feb. 21.
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United-Kingdom and Straits Feb. 22.
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Canton Feb. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 7th February) Feb. 25.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th February Feb. 27.
Canton Feb. 28.
United-Kingdom and Straits Feb. 28.
Calcutta and Straits Mar. 1.
Java and Manila Mar. 2.
Australia and Manila Mar. 3.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

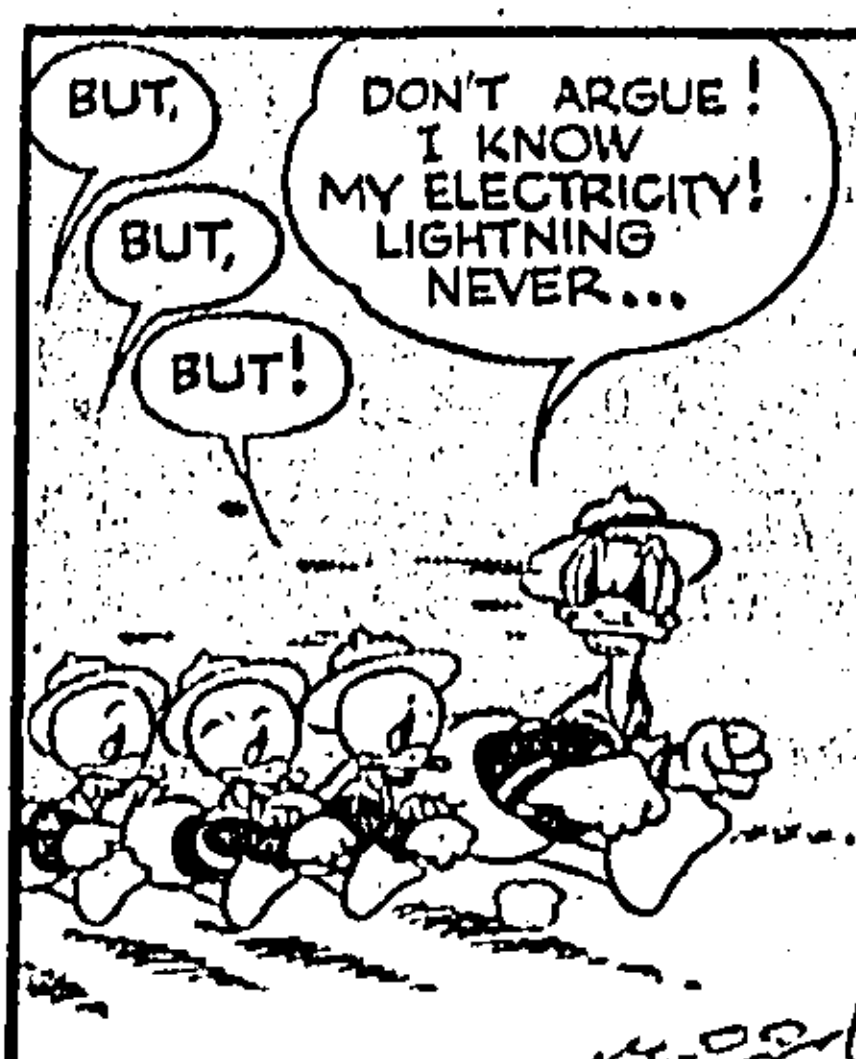
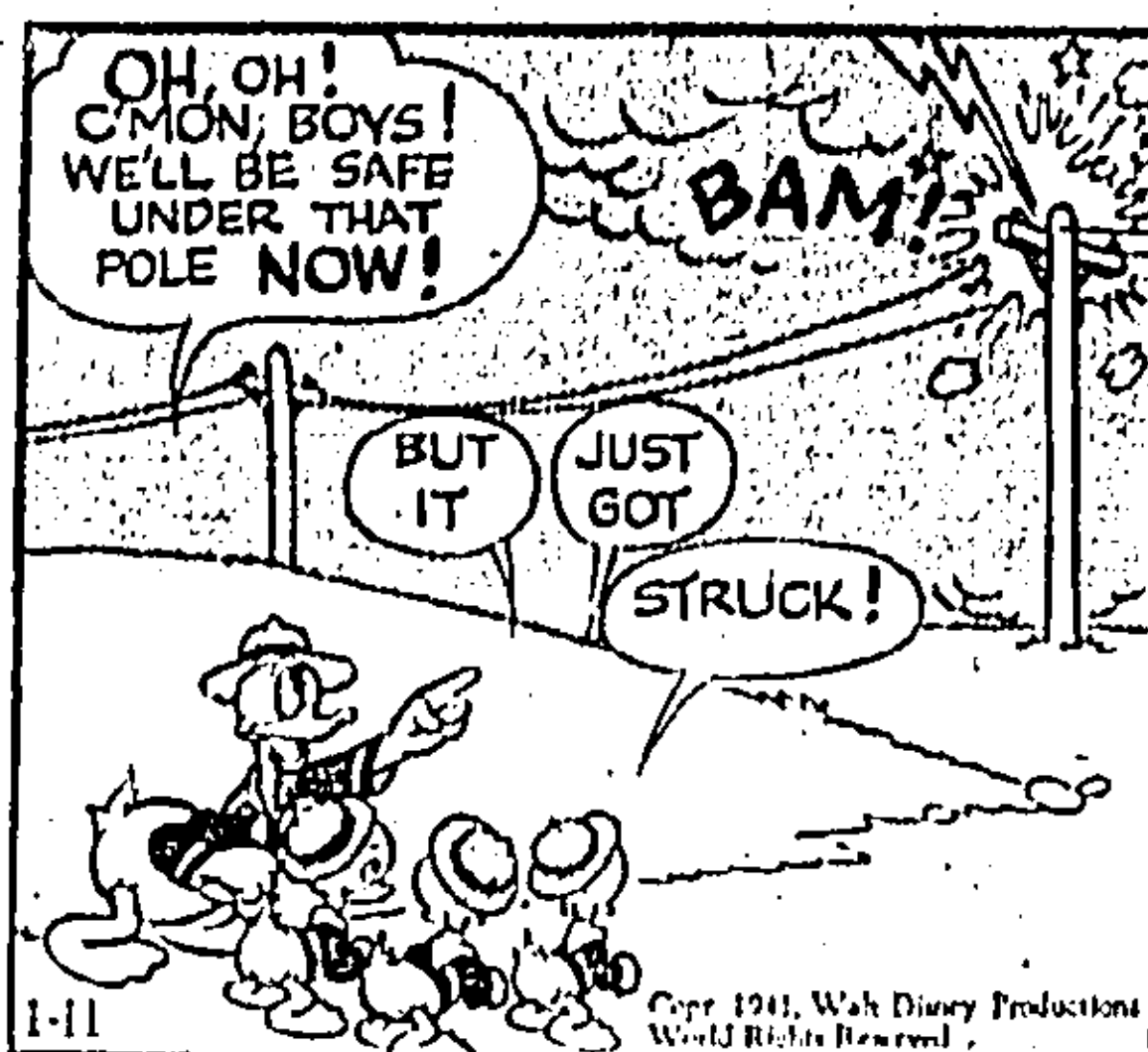
Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Where mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21.
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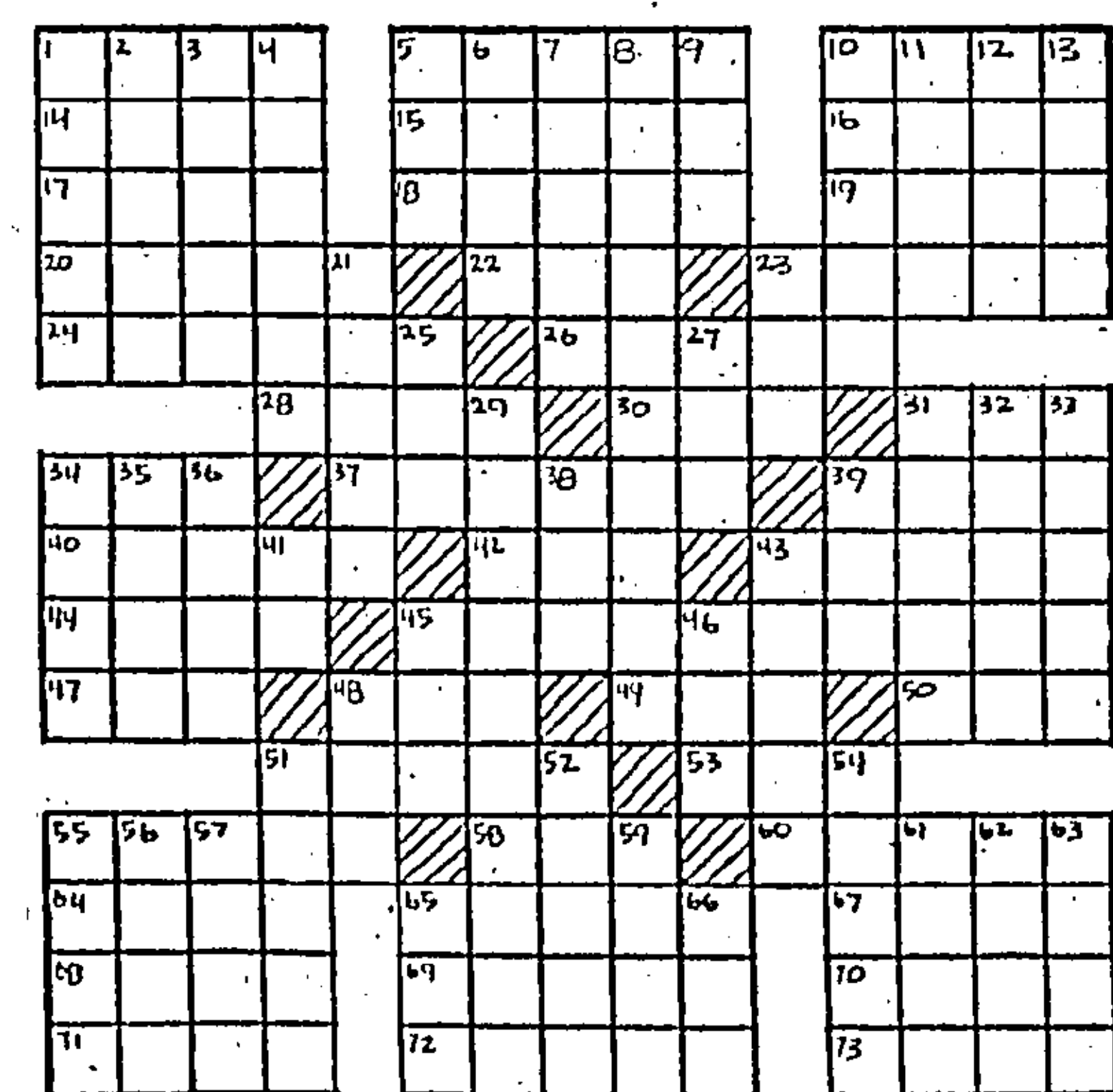
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Light talk
- 2—Waterway
- 3—Agricultural estate
- 4—Claimant
- 5—Kazanka opinion
- 6—Combining form: Neum
- 7—Famous Crar
- 8—Upore (tall)
- 9—Slippery fish
- 10—Overcomes
- 11—dell (valley)
- 12—Woody plants
- 13—Summers
- 14—Hecate
- 15—Ceremony
- 16—Ophrine month
- 17—Rocky pinnacle
- 18—Arm-pit
- 19—Purlo
- 20—Falter
- 21—Canyon
- 22—This Urra
- 23—The devil
- 24—Tiny ink
- 25—Albino
- 26—Goddess of plenty
- 27—Yale
- 28—Twila river
- 29—Was unconscious
- 30—Through
- 31—Leaf of calyx
- 32—Before
- 33—Blow run
- 34—Runs together
- 35—decided valley
- 36—Childs and lever

DOWN

- 1—Daddy's beds
- 2—Mean dwelling
- 3—Lower
- 4—Assistant factory foreman
- 5—Inner court
- 6—Olive forth
- 7—Unit of speech
- 8—Anti pale
- 9—Waves
- 10—Novel
- 11—Transfer liquid
- 12—New York canal
- 13—Domesticated
- 14—Land's pre-name
- 15—Boaks flax
- 16—Mineral spring
- 17—Decendant



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At Work in Bombed London

THE INDIAN PIONEER CORPS

by
D. NATH
 of the Indian News
 Service, at present in
 London as an observer

The members of the Indian Pioneer Corps are helping to heal the scars of London clearing up the mess left by German bombers.

The Commanding Officer of the Corps has the highest praise for them, and after seeing them at work, I agree.

The Colonel led me to a pile of ruins where his Indian Pioneers were working alongside British troops. The Indians and the British worked as comrades, and in rest periods offered each other cigarettes in cordial friendship.

I remarked to the Colonel on his fluent Urdu. He explained that he was in India for over 29 years. "And," he added, "I'm used to the dhal-roti diet as well."

The Colonel loves his men and is proud of them. He suddenly stopped and said to me: "See that man working on that pneumatic drill over there? When he first came to me, he did not know anything about the machine; to-day he is an expert—knows his job from A to Z."

He took me to see another Indian who was cutting through a huge steel girder with an acetylene lamp.

The worker told me how frightened he had been at first at the sight of the myriad sparks which seemed to fly into his face. Now he considers himself master of his "sparkling machine," as he describes it.

The Pioneer Corps of Indian Unit was first formed in October 1939. The Colonel, who had extensive experience of labour conditions and Pioneer work in the Punjab, thought of the idea of organising the Indian labour in Britain for this work when the war broke out.

The response was instant and splendid. Indian seamen, hawkers, waiters, factory-workers, packers in warehouses, students and university graduates, flocked to enlist in the Corps, and join in the hard work that helps the war effort.

I think it is the most representative Indian organisation I have ever come across. I talked with Sikhs and Moslems from the Punjab and the North-West Frontier; Madras from the South; Assams from the East; Baboos from Bengal; Mathurs from the South; Mathurs from the United Provinces; and one Billimoria from Bombay.

They speak different tongues among themselves and

profess different faiths; but in their work and play they are one—united in a common cause.

In various parts of Britain they have worked night and day in clearing the debris, rescuing the injured and extricating the dead buried under the masonry.

"Bombs or no bombs, we go just the same when the call of duty comes," said one of them. He was Kikarajee Billimoria of Bombay. He used to have a nice job with the millionaire family of the Tatas; now he works with pick and shovel.

The gong sounded for the mid-day meal. I went off with my Indian friends to partake of their fish, bread and tea.

They get an hour off for their meal which they enjoy to the full. They take an Indian drum and flute with them, and play after the meal.

Diwan Ali of Mirpur and Abdul Karim of Benares are the life-and-soul-of-this-unit. Diwan Ali has a rare musical

talent; he dances and sings to the accompaniment of the drum. He sang for me two of the most popular Indian karnees, while Karim played on the drum. In the midst of bombed London I enjoyed a perfect Indian afternoon.

Abdul Karim is a versatile person. He used to work in a circus, where he performed acrobatic tricks on a silken cord. He has travelled all over Europe, including Italy and Germany.

"When the war broke out," he said, "I gave up my job; nobody was likely to be interested in my acrobatics when two political acrobats had started their show! I decided to do my bit for my Badashah."

I found that most of them had joined the Corps voluntarily, and I felt proud of it.

Sergeant Hopkins entered the room to tell his "boys" to resume work.

He is a genial fellow; his skin tanned by the Indian sun. As the men said goodbye to me, the sergeant said proudly: "They are the best workers I know. They are extremely adaptable, and have a fine sense of duty. I think they are rendering the most valuable service to India and to the Empire, and thus helping to cement the bonds of friendship between our peoples."

CHURCHILL is 'Man of the Year'

Winston Spencer Churchill, British Prime Minister, is named by "Time," the weekly news magazine, as the "Man of the Year" in 1940. This designation is made each year by the editors of the magazine to the man or woman who, in their opinion, has brought about the most dramatic change in the course of history during the previous 12 months.

"The obvious United States candidate for the title was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who got himself elected for an unprecedented third term," the announcement says; "But Franklin Roosevelt's other accomplishments of 1940 were not breath-taking."

"On the score of leadership, Wendell Willkie, although a business man, convinced 22,500,000 voters that he spoke for a vital cause, performed more strikingly. But in the end Willkie did not succeed in leading his crusade to victory."

"Time" magazine editors described Mussolini as "the year's greatest flop," and Joseph Stalin as having "lost several teeth before he chewed off an edge of tough little Finland." Hitler was more successful, they held.

Many "ifs" were found by them in 1941. Among them was "If Britain still stands at

the end of 1941, Adolf Hitler may be on his way to join the distinguished company of Benito Mussolini, General Gamelin and Almazan and John Llewellyn Lewis—those men of high hopes who failed to come through in the crisis of 1940."

Among the Europeans who "made their mark" in 1940, "Time" magazine editors name the late Premier Metaxas of Greece and Ernest Bevin, who became a power of strength in Britain's movement, who rallied labour in Britain's cause, who became a symbol of the breakdown of class distinction by which Britain achieved a greater unity to fight her battles."

"Yet the curious fact was that in most men's minds everywhere—even in Germany, to judge by Nazi denunciations—Winston Churchill outranked others as the man of 1940, they declared."

"The man-of-the-year Churchill does not stand alone. Beside and behind Churchill stands a very small man multiplied a millionfold, he is just an Englishman."

"To the small man of Britain in 1940 Winston Churchill spoke words that may live as long as Shakespeare's."

"Let us therefore brace ourselves and so bear ourselves that if the British Commonwealth and Empire last for thousand years, men will still say, this was their finest hour."

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BUDGET DEBATE

YESTERDAY'S annual speech day of the Legislative Council produced criticism of some vehemence from the Unofficial members, with special emphasis placed on the administrative shortcomings of the Government. The Colonial Secretary described the speeches as "healthy and helpful criticisms", which was gracious in view of the heavy strictures passed on several of the Administration's departments. More important, the criticisms, most of which were echoes of publicly aired complaints, are to bear immediate results; the machinery of the Immigration Office is to be investigated; the Food Control organisation is already in the process of being overhauled; the firewood problem is being tackled.

The Financial Secretary has already met the Hon. Mr. Le's complaint about the functions of the Superintendent of Inland Revenue and Estate Commissioner and the alleged harsh administration of the Estate Duty Ordinance, so that, in many instances, the sharp barbs of Unofficial criticism became blunted almost before they were delivered. This factor, however, does not rob the criticisms of their justification nor their timeliness; they were, for the most part, cogent, fair, and intelligent.

The Financial Secretary deprecated the suggestion that he was taking a gloomy attitude in his budget, but his admission that the Colony's reserves were not what they purported to be on paper was hardly joy-provoking. His dismissal of Mr. Li Tse-ong's theory and suggestion concerning use of the financial surplus was a suave piece of argument, but not completely convincing, especially as it was bound up in an offhand reference to the method of administering the Government's Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme, which has long been a bone of contention.

Mr. Butters sought to justify his refusal to take from reserves to meet budget requirements on the grounds that there was no guarantee that Hongkong would always be as prosperous as it is now—an assumption for which there is little foundation judged in the light of the Colony's history. Hongkong certainly has been subject to booms and depressions, and always will be, though this is not peculiar to Hongkong; but the net result to date has left the Colony in a sound condition. On these grounds Mr. Butters' argument does not impress.

More acceptable is the implied desire to follow the principle laid down by Sir Kingsley Wood—that it is preferable to meet as far as possible extraordinary expenditure such as war effort and defence out of revenue than to resort to borrowing and overdrafts. This principle is acknowledged to be fundamentally

IN PARIS NOW

How Britons Fare And What the French Are Learning

By E. B. WAREING

lately chief of the Paris Staff
of the "Daily Telegraph"

A PARISIAN friend, who has been able to make his way to a port in Britain, has brought with him some particulars of life in Paris as he has known it as recently as last month.

His business connections had brought him in earlier days into contact with the British colony there, and he says that a good many remain in the capital under the Occupation. Every day the ground floor of the United States Embassy—previously occupied by the Immigration Office—is full of British subjects who receive there the financial assistance which the British Government provides through credits in Washington. The amount varies according to circumstances and provides for subsistence on a very modest scale.

British men of military age are interned, partly in camps outside Paris and partly in the Sante prison. All are visited regularly, and those in Paris daily, by United States officials, who take them food.

Fate Of Property

Of the non-interned British—each day—the majority are French-born wives who did not wish to leave France and who now have gone to live with their relatives. Many of the supernumerary clerks and assistants at the United States Embassy are of British nationality. It is believed that the number of those interned has recently been reduced, and reports agree that the others are being well treated.

Except for chateaux and large villas owned by very wealthy British subjects in the occupied territory, the Germans have not pillaged British property, and the contents of two flats or small houses with a caretaker in charge have been left alone, unless the Germans had some reason to dislike the tenant or he was a Jew.

Properly abandoned without a caretaker is, however, often handed over as billets for German families, and articles unobtainable in Germany, such as blankets, sheets, clothing, leatherware and the like, are apt to disappear. The chances of survival of the contents of the cellar are also extremely low. Wireless apparatus capable of receiving foreign stations is likely to be overworked if left behind.

The British Embassy has not yet been touched or even entered as the result of the Occupation. It is protected by having been placed under United States care.

At The Smart Shops

Opposite the bar entrance to the Hotel Crillon, now the German headquarters, the fairly conspicuous sign of The "Daily Telegraph" continues to hang outside number 11, Rue Boissy d'Anglas. My friend was unable to say whether the office itself has been visited by the Gestapo. If it has, they will have found little material worth incorporating in a blue-book.

A little further along the street a smart club has been taken over for German civilians, who look oddly out of place there. The personnel changes continually; it is believed to consist of relays of "Strength through Joy" visitors who get cheap trips to Paris.

In the same street the smart shirtmakers are still open, but German officers—who are allowed to wear muffs on certain days in the week—have taken all but the most fanciful designs. The same applies to the leather goods shop at the corner—now sold out with no hope of replacing stocks.

On the opposite corner the world-famed perfume shop still has some stock left, for German women are not encouraged to use cosmetics. Lingerie, however, is in a different category, and one of the strangest sights is that of senior German officers thoughtfully handling dainty goods, and the Colony, as a whole, will not object to its application.

underwear, under the slightly sardonic gaze of an elegantly dressed assistant, in an attempt to assess whether it is adequate to appease the insistent demands of Frau Major at home. "Achille," one of the smartest hairdressers for men, has now reopened on the Place de la Madeleine. The chairs previously occupied by French and British generals and diplomats are now taken by German

generals and heads of the Gestapo. No Italian soldiers, by the way, are to be seen in Paris.

Renault Workers

The sack of Paris goes on. Useless paper marks—unacceptable even in Germany itself—are handed over in exchange for the loot. Many shops are already closed. Even a German woman—and they are legion in Paris—can now only buy one pair of silk stockings, if she is lucky enough to find them.

There is no fraternising between the Germans and the Parisians. Germans are still studiously correct in their behaviour. Their attitude is that the French are beaten, harmless creatures who will in time become amenable. It is a clever line to take, as some examples show.

Thus, the workers in Renault's factory, now engaged in turning out lorries for the German army, have to work 60 hours a week, as though they were in Germany, instead of 40. Their pay, however, has been more than proportionately raised and since its purchasing power, for what little there is to purchase, is much the same, they do not grumble. Again, a garage hand, whom my friend occasionally saw, though he had of course to give up his car, was earning more money working for the Germans, who have unrestricted petrol and make "joy rides" wherever they like.

Francs But No Funds

These people do not realise that there is no backing whatever for the money which the Bank of France is obliged to change into francs, and the approach of the financial Nemesis is slow and unseen. Moreover, they are gradually accepting restrictions which they would never have accepted from a French Government. The sight of a well-fed, well-equipped, disciplined army in their midst has had a hypnotic effect. Their wives, obliged to queue up for every necessity, are less philosophic about things, and it is from the woman's side that bitterness will come first.

Outwardly most of the restaurants and cafes look the same. Some have been requisitioned. The Tavernes d'Alsace in the Champs Elysees is now labelled Soldatenheim (Soldiers' Home), and no civilian may enter. Others, such as Fouquet's and the Cafe Marguier, are open to all, and, but for the German uniforms, show little external change, for most Parisiennes had hoarded clothes, and the lack of new ones is not yet felt.

Menus, however, are much depleted, even on Sunday—the only day when in theory no restrictions apply. The famous restaurants, such as Maxim's or Larue, now only offer a choice of three dishes, and every customer has to hand over four different coupons—for meat, fat, bread, macaroni or cheese—in exchange for trifling portions. Meat, for example, is restricted to just under 1/2oz a day, three days a week.

The Germans also have coupons, but on a different scale, and provided by their own authorities. There is no coffee, the so-called "cane national" being a substitute, and no milk. The Germans drink beer, which

B.B.C. They compare its news carefully with the spate of new French-language newspapers started by Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent in Paris, which have to be read because they give news of police regulations, food restrictions and the like.

The art of listening is a complicated one and requires a good deal of exchange of information with neighbours as to which particular wave-length is least jammed at a given time, when Mr Churchill or Gen. de Gaulle is to speak personally, and so forth.

"Tas De Blagues"

The opinion is expressed that the B.B.C. in its French programmes should deal more specifically with the Radio-Paris German controlled news than it does at present. For instance, when Radio-Paris and the Paris Press state that half London is burning and the B.B.C. reports that "a number of fires were started," the B.B.C. may at first be regarded as confirming the worst reports, and some despondency ensues. Nevertheless, there is a considerable scepticism.

Noting that the Germans read the Tageblatt, Parisians have invented a word for the German-inspired Paris Press, which sounds much the same but means "A lot of nonsense."

The people of Paris are brave about listening to the B.B.C., though in any case clandestine listening is hard to control. Knowing little of the Vichy Government, on the other side of an hermetically sealed frontier, they tend to revert to old allegiances, for they naturally desire freedom. Yet they have been stunned by a knock-out blow and are too dazed to realise exactly from what quarter it came. A healthy reaction is a gradual setting in and the healing process of the French mind will be rapid in proportion to British successes.

Food For Germans

The shortage of such articles as oil, silk, tea, coffee, chocolate, coco, jam, butter, margarine, and dried vegetables falls, however, into a different category. The population does not fully realise that such products have for the most part been taken by the Germans, who also intercept fresh produce and meat, which would otherwise come into the markets.

The black-out—once a very easy-going form of "blue-out," since all lamps were painted blue—is now strictly enforced, and the last metro (underground) train departs an hour before curfew (11 p.m.). There are no 'buses, except for a very few running on wood-fuel.

Parisians therefore stay at home at night and listen to the

Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jr., United Press Naval Critic, Examines The Mediterranean Situation Is An AXIS PUSH IMMINENT?

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—Britain, for the moment, has the upper hand in the great campaign for control of the Mediterranean. How long she can maintain this advantage, however, is a question.

Reports are current that Berlin is still seeking Russian assent to a "peaceful" German occupation of Bulgaria which would open the way for a drive on Greece from the north, the object of which would be to obtain control of Salonika and, from that base, all of Greece and the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

Should this prove successful, and the British be driven from their only foothold on the mainland of Europe, the German air force then would be in position to sweep the eastern Mediterranean and launch heavy attacks on the British naval base at Alexandria and even on Cairo.

The British, of course, realise the danger which confronts them and one may take it for granted that they are putting up the greatest possible diplomatic resistance in Sofia, Moscow and Ankara.

Bulgaria always has been close to Russia, and Turkey has had the closest of relations with the U.S.S.R. in recent years. Neither of these states, hence, would be likely to permit German control of Greece and the Aegean without asking Moscow for advice.

From a naval viewpoint the British Fleet probably would be able to defend itself in the Mediterranean, even if deprived of its Greek bases, but whether it could defend itself against overwhelming German air superiority is another question.

A glance at the map will show the possibility for air action which the Axis powers would have if they controlled Greece and the Aegean Islands, in addition to Italy with her land bases, including the Dodecanese group off the coast of Turkey.

1. The fall of Benghazi in Italian Libya, coupled with Greek successes in Albania, has brought Italian military prestige to an all-time low during the present war. Germany, as Italy's partner, hardly can let these reverses go farther. There is too much danger that Italy might sue for a separate peace with the British.

2. A vigorous German thrust towards the Mediterranean might force the British to withdraw planes and ships needed for the defence of Britain, and thus improve German chances for the long-desired invasion of Britain.

3. United States assistance to Britain daily is becoming more effective. The Germans need to move fast, and may be prepared to take desperate chances in an effort to achieve a knock-out before American support of the British makes a German victory impossible.

The British, however, will prove no push-over, in my judgment, if the German plans unfold as outlined above. Their victories in North Africa and Greece to date have demonstrated their ability to coordinate the use of all classes of arms—mechanized land forces, the navy and the air force—and to maintain sustained offensives.

They are solidly entrenched in both Greece and Africa and have the advantage of the initiative and the strong morale which goes with a series of victories.

Many of the troops in use on both the Greek and North African fronts are Australians and New Zealanders who have been proved to be among the finest soldiers in the world.

The Greek army, too, probably could be depended upon to give a good account of itself. The Greeks unquestionably have done most of the fighting in driving Italian invaders from their homeland and carrying the war into Italian-controlled territory. There is no reason to believe they would prove less brave against the Germans, for they have against the Italians, for they would know they were fighting for their homes and they would have the advantage of defending a terrain with which they are intimately familiar.

A number of factors would appear to favour the reported German plan for occupation of Bulgaria and a joint attack with Italy on Greece.

Belief That Nazi Victory Would Affect America Growing Sharply

In a survey just completed by the American Institute of Public Opinion, it is shown that since last Spring a growing number of Americans have come to believe a German victory in Europe would affect their lives and fortunes directly or indirectly; that America's economic security no less than her military security might be at stake, Dr George Gallup, the Institute's director, reports.

"Since the invasion of the Low Countries by Nazi troops last Spring, virtually every study of public opinion here has shown a growing desire to increase the scale of United States aid to Britain," Dr Gallup says.

"Whether American men and women are right or wrong in holding such alarms may have far less importance during 1941 than the fact that they do hold them—and that the desire to aid Britain may increasingly flow from this source.

"Whereas only 47 per cent of those interviewed in a nation-wide survey last March thought that a German victory would affect them 71 per cent now think they would be affected.

Hitler's Order Unpopular

"Less than half of one per cent, indicated a belief they might be benefited by the victory of Adolf Hitler's 'new order' in Europe. " Voters in successive surveys were asked: 'Suppose the United States does not go into the war and Germany defeats England—do you think you, personally, would be affected by this German victory?'

Year's Trend

The trend since March is shown in the following figures:

	At- fected	Not At- fected	Don't Know
March, 1940	47%	35%	18%
May (after Low- lands invasion)	61%	24%	15%
June (after De- feats of French)	58%	27%	15%
July	67%	24%	9%
September	65%	23%	12%
To-day	71%	21%	8%

ERSATZ COFFEE

Nazis Use Dutch Bulbs

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Tulip coffee is the latest Nazi ersatz specialty.

According to "Frii Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, Dutch bulb-growers are exceedingly busy because the Germans are using about 5,000 tons of bulbs to make "coffee" for Dutch consumption.

The bulbs, with the exception of hyacinths and narcissi, which apparently have a poisonous content, are cut in small pieces, roasted to the correct colour, chicory is added and it is found that a further addition of a small quantity of pure coffee makes the concoction taste better.

INDIAN DEFENCE

Protected Places Named

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The "Gazette" has declared oil depots, water-works, dams and electric power stations in certain district headquarters and elsewhere throughout Bombay Province "protected places" under the Defence Regulations as a special precaution.

HALIFAX TALK POSTPONED

Detained in Capital

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, has had to postpone his tentative engagement to speak at a Pilgrim Society function to-day as he cannot leave Washington at present. Great interest was taken in the earlier announcement that the British Ambassador might speak as it was thought that he might deal with Britain's war and peace aims in greater detail than had been done to date.

To-day's was to have been his first big speech in America.

Anglo-American Cotton & Rubber

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Mr Jesse E. Jones, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Export and Import Bank, said to-day that American at present had enough rubber stores to last from 18 to 24 months. He said that he did not believe that the source of foreign supply would be endangered.

Asked if there were any prospects of another British-American cotton-rubber barter deal, Mr Jones said that he had not heard of such prospects but would be delighted to arrange a deal.

Belgium Under The Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The economic situation in Belgium is described as "catastrophic," according to travellers arriving in Spain, says "Inbel" (Free Belgian Agency). The country has been pillaged and stripped bare by the occupying forces. The position is worse than that which existed in Spain during the civil war, travellers declare. Spinning mills are idle owing to lack of wool.

Heavy Air Raid Casualties

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—It is now ascertained, says Air Ministry, that the number killed on Wednesday night's raid on the London area is greater than at first thought.

INDO-CHINA

Rubber Exports To Be Controlled

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Governor-General of Indo-China, Admiral Decoux, has issued regulations controlling the export of rubber, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

Under the new regulations the Governor-General will establish a Rubber Exporting Administration in which representatives of the four largest rubber plantations and the Government will take part and, all rubber exports will be made through this administration, the report declares.

The four largest plantations will sell rubber direct to this administration, while small plantations will be required to sell through commission agents to this organ, it is added.

Subsistence of Peace?

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun" has charged that the United States and Indo-China are making a joint effort to throw a "defence line" against Japan's economic advance before the Indo-China-Thailand negotiations in Tokyo attain results.

The paper says that Indo-China's objectives—to obtain a monopoly for French firms and Anglo-American investors and more intimate relations with the United States—are also considered "Anglo-American efforts to drive a political and economic wedge into Indo-China."

The "Asahi" says that the Japanese Government is sternly watching "such Indo-China machinations."

British Submarine Sinks Nord Ship

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The British submarine Sealion has destroyed a Norwegian ship of about 1,500 tons operating under German control off the Norwegian coast.

An Admiralty communique announcing this says that the Sealion allowed 15 minutes while the crew abandoned the Norwegian ship and then sank her by gun-fire.

Her crew were quite safe in lifeboats as she was very close to land when abandoned.

Australia To Build Merchantmen

MELBOURNE, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Federal Government is shortly appointing a commission to arrange for a substantial shipbuilding programme for merchant shipping. A sum £6,000,000 has already been allocated for this purpose.

Australian Envoy to Tokyo Asked to Help Keep Peace

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister to Japan, called on Mr Chulchi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, to-day.

The subjects of their conversation are not revealed though it is generally believed, says the "Domei" agency, that Mr Ohashi emphasised the need for the collaboration of the Australian Government in preventing any aggravation of the situation.

It is thought that he declared that the "Far Eastern scare" is groundless.

Picked Out of Air

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Columbia Broadcasting System reported a Sydney broadcast to-day which quoted the Melbourne "Argus" as follows: "If Japan could secure herself in that corner of the Pacific framed by Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya and the Netherlands Indies, with Singapore, as the nerve centre, she would embrace the Philippines. "From the Philippines would come further extensions of Japanese control until America found herself surrounded at Hawaii, with increasingly insoluble problems of Japanese infiltration into South America."

Menzies Consulted

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Australian Prime Minister Mr R. G. Menzies, arrived in England by air this afternoon at the invitation of the United Kingdom Government to discuss various aspects of the war situation.

Japanese Concentrations

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (UP).—A military spokesman said to-day that over half the Japanese Air Force on the Asiatic mainland was concentrated on Hainan Island and in Indo-China and Kwangtung. The Japanese were transferring the bulk of their troops in Central China to Formosa and Hainan Island to assist in possible operations in the South China Sea.

Japan Woos S. American Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Domei).—Educational missions from Chile and Argentina will arrive in Japan shortly on a tour of inspection and will report to their countrymen on wartime conditions in Japan.

The visitors from Chile, including Professor Anna H. Fernandes of the University of Chile and two other women education experts, are expected to arrive in Yokohama to-morrow aboard the Hiye Maru for a two months' tour of Japan, Korea and Manchukuo.

From Argentina, Mr Jose Ortiz, son of President Dr Roberto M. Ortiz of Argentina, is expected in the middle of May on an inspection tour of Japan's education, industry and culture.

Preparations are being made by the Tourist Bureau to welcome the visitors who will be given every facility on their inspection tours in order to allay recent misgivings in South America.

KONOYE'S ILLNESS

Diet Crisis Is Averted

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Domei).—Threatening for a while to develop into serious political issue, the National Service Association debate will be settled on Friday as the Lower House Budget Committee, following an informal meeting this morning, has agreed to accept the Home Minister, Baron Kichiro Hirayama's reply and also to refrain from appointing an acting Premier in the absence of the Premier, Prince Konoze, due to illness.

The Government also held an extraordinary Cabinet session in the Diet building to discuss the Diet requests for the Premier's attendance at the Budget Session. The Cabinet session has decided to appoint Baron Hirayama Home Minister to answer interpellations on behalf of the Premier and accelerate the work of the Budget Session.

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CURRIE'S TRAVELS

Mission Considers Transportation

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Particular attention is being paid by the American economic mission to China to transportation problems, it is learned from reliable sources. America is reported to be prepared to give Chinese financial and material assistance.

Large quantities of medicines, supplies and arms will be forthcoming, but the most important problem will be to get these materials speedily transported to the interior. An efficient, centralized transportation administration is the main problem at present confronting the Chinese and American authorities, it is pointed out.

Currie In Chengtu

CHENG TU, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Accompanied by Mr Nelson T. Johnson, retiring American Ambassador to China, Dr Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, and party, arrived here from Chungking by air at 11 a.m. yesterday.

They were met at the airport by a large gathering of high Government officials headed by General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government.

At noon the American visitors were entertained at a luncheon given jointly by the Provincial Government, the Szechwan Prefecture Headquarters and other government organizations.

In the afternoon, they were guests at a tea given by General and Madame Chang Chun.

Conservancy Work Seen

CHENG TU, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Dr Currie, and Mr Emile Despres, research official in the Economic Division of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, went this morning to Kuanghsien, north-west of Chengtu, where they inspected water conservancy work.

They returned to Chengtu immediately after the inspection and attended at noon a luncheon party given in their honour by the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations and the Sino-British Cultural Association.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon they flew back to Chungking.

Kwangsi Wine Prohibition

KWEILIN, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Tightening the ban on wine drinking, the Kwangsi Provincial Government has issued a proclamation that beginning from March 1 if wine is found to have been used at any feast or social gathering, a fine of N.C. \$100 will be imposed.

Brewing and the sale of wine are also prohibited by a previous governmental order as a measure to conserve rice, malt and other food-stuffs.

Manchukuo-Ship Telephone Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HSINKING, Feb. 20 (Domei).—The Manchukuo Telephone and Telegraph Company, which has been conducting experiments in establishing telephonic communication between ocean liners on the Japan-Manchukuo service since last summer, will open its service as from April.

For the present, conversations from ships at sea will be limited to Dairen only, but later the service will be extended to include Hsinking and other cities. Hitherto there have been no such ship to land telephone facilities on the Japan-Manchukuo line.



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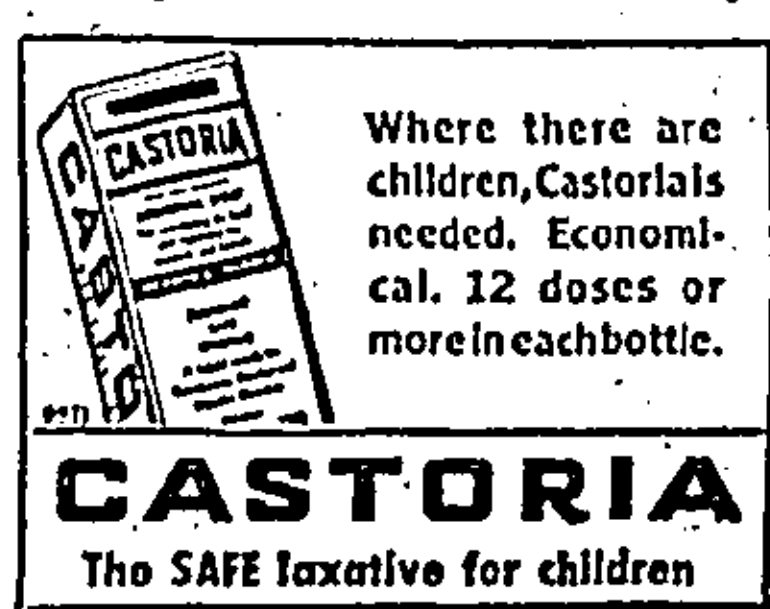
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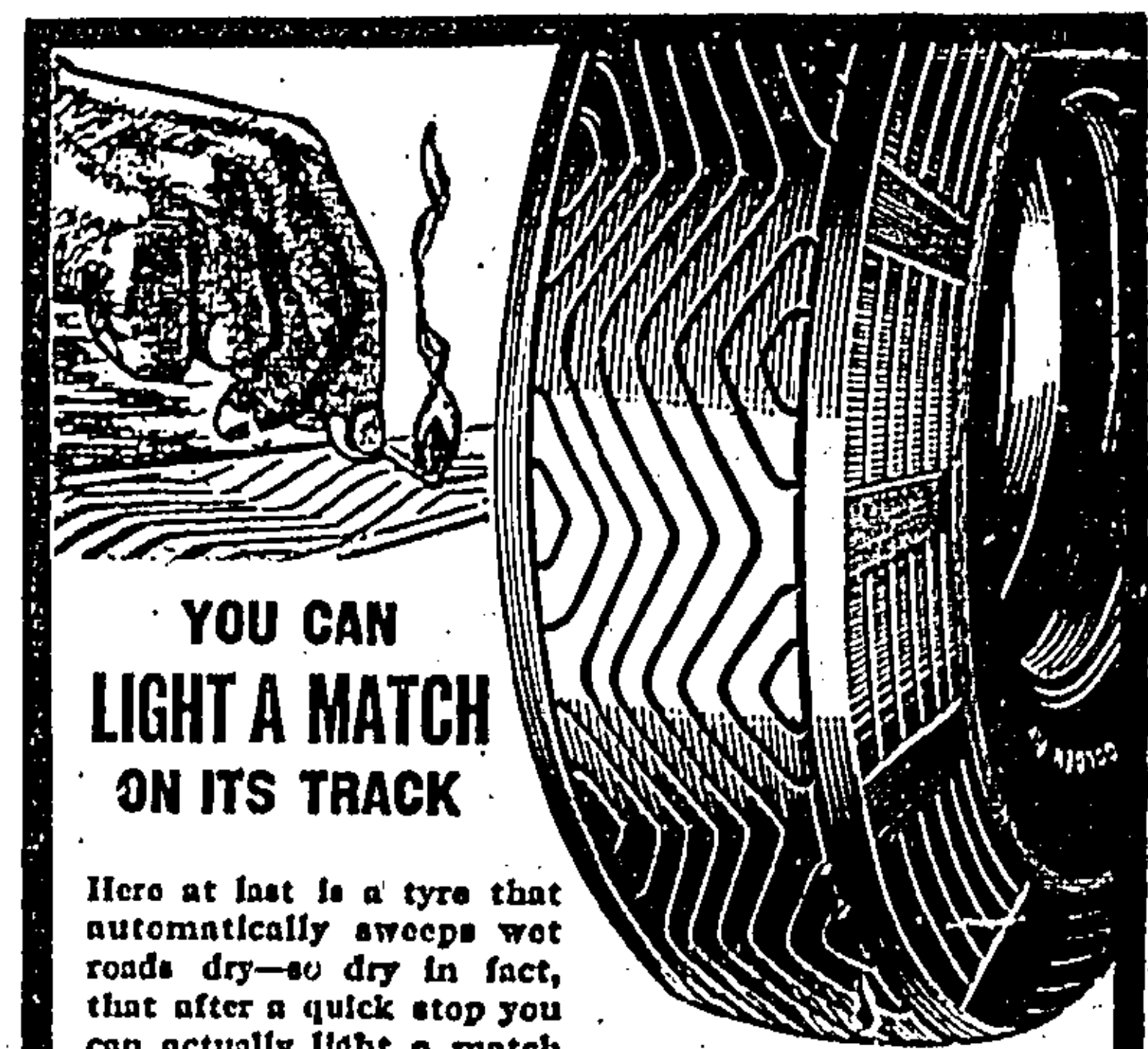


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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Incidents Of The First Two Days

Two Ponies Destroyed: Five Jockeys Injured: Dismal Forecast For To-morrow

CERTAINLY IT WAS WISE on the part of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to postpone the Third Day of the Annual Race Meeting (which was scheduled for last Wednesday) until to-morrow on account of the heavy showers, and the Fourth Day's programme is to be contested on Monday.

As I write, the forecast by the Royal Observatory is not very encouraging and it seems to me that there are no prospects of clearing the heavy clouds. We are now in the foggy season, but it is sincerely hoped that we shall have bright sunny days for the rest of the Carnival because we cannot afford to have any more jockeys on the injured list.

The weather clerk was in a certain measure responsible for sending two Australian ponies (Jungle Princess and Melody Star) to the happy hunting grounds, but that was not all the damage. The grass track was almost like a puddy field with incessant downpour after the running of the Hongkong Derby, and it will cost some money to return the course.

Mr. D. G. Wao was the first rider to get "a nasty end" in the Coral Handicap, and Mr. S. W. Tang came to grief in the Australian Valley Stakes.

In the last event, Wakool Handicap, run on Tuesday, Lt.-Com-

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The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (TEL. 27784) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

O. B. BROWN,

Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Nazi Gaolers Beaten 27-0

By Aston Villa!

At a German prison camp, members of a black-uniformed SS guard regiment challenged the British prisoners to a game of soccer. Eleven Britons promptly volunteered to play.

With the score 27-0 in favour of the British, the Nazis stopped the game, and later discovered that the Britons were the complete second-string team of Birmingham's top-ranking Aston Villa F.C.

The team had enlisted as a body and had been captured intact at Dunkirk.

mander D. H. S. Craven and Mr. Peter Wel were both badly bumped off; the former is now in the Royal Naval Hospital with a dislocated shoulder while Mr. Wel is in the Hongkong Sanatorium with a bad face.

In the Sydney Maiden Stakes (second section), which was the fifth event of the First Day, Mr. H. Holden on a Surprising Time was so badly kicked by a pony that he was not seen in the saddle after that incident.

Not only is the absence of these five class jockeys badly felt by the owners, but the postponement has undoubtedly thrown the trainers' plans out of gear.

Leading Jockey

By the way, Mr. "Vic" Needa heads the list of most successful jockeys with four wins and then comes Mr. C. Moller with three successes. Under the category of a couple the honour is shared by Messrs W. H. S. Davis, H. J. A. Henne, S. C. Ling and H. C. Pih, but the champion jockey Mr. D. Black has not as yet crossed the wire first.

Basketball

EXHIBITION MATCH

U.S. Tourists Play To-morrow

THE 20TH CENTURY Fox Film Basketball team, fresh from a successful tour of the Philippine Islands are due to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow morning.

They are scheduled to play in the evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Bridges St against an all-star Hongkong quintette, composed of the leading players now in the Colony from Shanghai and Canton, as well as the local stars.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund. A programme of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors during their short stay here.

The visiting Californians, who won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, are all former American College Stars and are considered to be standard exponents of the cage game.

Lecture

A LECTURE on the intricacies of modern basketball will be given by Capt. Knowles, who was a member of the American Olympic team that won the world's title at Berlin in 1936, and one or two other members of the team at the Chinese Association.

Charlesber Disappoints In Hongkong Derby

GENERALLY SPEAKING Hongkong owners must feel proud that the last Hongkong Derby for China ponies has not gone to Shanghai, though Mr. Eric Moller made a strong bid to capture the Blue Riband with two starters.

After the success of Oolong in the Maiden Stakes over six furlongs, it was a foregone conclusion that Mr. T. K. Li's candidate would run away with the classic event and Mr. Needa, as usual, timed his mount to a nicely beating Velvetlight and Lovelyleight in 3.02 flat for 1½ miles.

The running of Charlesber in the rear of the first three placed ponies in the Hongkong Derby was a great disappointment to a galaxy of rail birds, and I have reason to believe that the failure was short of a gallop.

Quandary

THE stallion was only nominated for the Trial Plate to be run on the first day, but when the postponement came owing to the inclement weather, Mr. Bradbury was left in a quandary.

A "dress rehearsal" of 1½ miles on the eve of the Hongkong Derby on a soft going was no doubt a tough proposition, and the owner had no alternative but to weigh out for the long distance test without a first public appearance.

Had the original programme been carried out, Charlesber would have had a nice rest on the seventh day of the week and would have entered the arena well tuned for the big fight on Monday.

As a big owner, Mr. Bradbury could have afforded an additional entry to his candidate for the Maiden Stakes over six furlongs.

"Y" Hockey XI

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. first and second elevens at Hockey to-morrow against the Nomads and the Tulsa, respectively, on the "Y" ground:
1st XI: (At Kowloon)—J. Odell; H. Millington and Upton; J. Skinner; Forrow and Davis; Foulard, Bond, F. Fowler, Scott and Rietzen.
2nd XI: (at Caroline Hill)—Marvin; Kennard and Sloan; A. Odell; Gow and Carr; Haynes, Roscoe, Lodge, Morrison and Gratian.

The following will represent International A. C. against Royal Navy in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Prospects For The Rooty-Hill Derby

Spirited Competition

TO-MORROW, the most important event on the card is the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup confined to Australian Subscription griffins of this season and the jaunt is over 1½ miles.

Much was expected of vitamin M. and Endeavour, but the failure of these two ponies on the first day suggests that the state of going was not to their liking. Both ran green, and I am afraid that their prospects for the big classic are not rosy at all.

Vitamin M. put up a better show, romping home third in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) and the verdict was a head in favour of the winner, National Welfare, with the same margin separating Happy Returns and Vitamin M.

Endeavour was third, but got a terrible licking in the Australian Valley Stakes, for Manhattan won by four lengths, and then came Jus Gentium who beat him by another three lengths.

Though both ponies had a rest last Tuesday, I cannot favour their chances should the going be on the soft side.

The manner, in which United Express won the Governor's Cup over the mile, was very convincing, and the fast quick action of this mare on a muddy course has much to say in a race of over 1½ miles.

Another galloper of the same style is A. Surprising Time who had a lame jockey in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (second section), and I like his chances for a place.

Notable Victory

MANHATTAN scored a notable victory in the Australian Valley Stakes over a mile in 1.48. The pony is good, but I think he cannot last the distance. If Manhattan wins, I shall be the first to raise my bowler hat.

Dutch Treat just managed to snatch a victory from Black Seal in the Garrison Cup over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in, and it was a good performance.

This brown by Graculus, who sired Amicus Curiae the winner of Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles, did not have much training owing to the fact that he was on the sick list during December.

There is no doubt that the pony has come on quickly, and I would recommend Dutch Treat for big money.

Santa Anita did not have very strong opposition in the Lusitano Cup over 1½ miles, and the chestnut won as he liked. He must be considered among the first three placed ponies in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

I will make my final selection to-morrow, because I would like to study the morning's half-mile gallops.

The Junior Shield on Sunday at Causeway Bay at 2.45 p.m.:
Mr. Young's: V. Marquis and N. Delgado; W. Wilkinson, Heath and F. J. Flint; H. Campos, F. W. Iley, R. Rocha, J. Tavares and J. Gough.

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Greeks Appeal To Athletic World

Protest Against Italy

The magnificent stand by the Greeks in their present campaign against the Italian legions in Albania has an interesting sequel in a world-wide protest against this unjust attack by a great Power against a smaller nation, in the form of an appeal to sportsmen to propagate Greece's cause for liberty and honour, which was received in Hongkong by Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington and a member of the International Olympic Committee.

The appeal is from John Ketscas, Hon. Secretary of the Greek Olympic Committee, which is under the presidency of H.R.H. Crown Prince Paul, and is addressed to the National Olympic Games Committee and to athletes of the world. It reads:

A month ago, a meeting of the Greek Olympic Games Committee had been convened for the afternoon of October 21, 1940. The subject for discussion was to have been the International Olympic Games, particularly the possibility of celebrating at the proper time classical Olympic games and the foundation of an International Olympic Academy.

This meeting was never held for at 3 a.m. that day, Italy delivered to Greece her ultimatum, demanding, in substance, the surrender of Greek territory under the threat of armed invasion and occupation.

Insulting Challenge

To this insulting challenge the leaders of the Greek nation answered with a laconic "no."

The Greek people as one man took up this "no," and it has become the slogan of our struggle. Events are showing that this "no" of Greece is not an empty word, but expresses her unshakable decision to defend her liberty and her honour with all her power. We need not elaborate on this, the events speak for themselves.

When, 2,500 years ago, our ancestors, the ancient Greeks, also answered "no" to the Persian invader, they carried on unbroken their athletic events and traditions. Following in their footsteps, the modern Olympic Games Committee met on November 22, 1940, with the leaders of all the athletic organisations of Greece to discuss how best to continue the athletic life of the country under the new war conditions.

Unjust Attack

The Committee decided to communicate with you, the members of the worldwide athletic family, to protest against the unjust and sudden attack of a great Power against a small one. In addressing ourselves to colleagues who as sportsmen have a true appreciation of honourable and chivalrous competition, of fair play, we feel sure that we shall find in you a spirit of complete understanding and sympathy.

We had done nothing to provoke this war. But once aroused, we have accepted it unhesitatingly and will prosecute it to the end. Greece is not fighting for imperialistic or material aims. She is fighting for her liberty, for her honour, for the obligation imposed on her by the 3,000 years of her history.

The finest expression of the ancient Greek athletic ideal is perhaps found in the saying: "To excel."

Cricket Teams Selected

The friendly Junior Cricket match between Club de Recreio and Hong Kong Cricket Club, originally arranged for King's Park, will now be played at Chater Road.

The following will represent Club "A":
H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Fennie, J. L. Halsey, D. O. Harwood, H. S. W. Henson, E. W. Pudney and D. S. Robb.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. second team in their League Cricket match against University, at Pokfulam, to-morrow at 2 p.m.:
S. Leonard, J. W. Leonard, A. D. Hanson, E. A. Lee, A. Hung, U. H. Zaman, T. Lock, C. W. Lam and W. K. Way. Reserves: D. M. Omar and L. Choa.

ways" and "One omen is best, to fight for one's country. It is for exactly this ideal that Greece is fighting to-day."

We are confident that every true sports-lover will feel his heart beat with ours, will feel himself at this time so much a Greek that our joy will be his joy and our suffering his suffering. And we address ourselves to you, athletes of all the world, who are prepared by your athletic training to appreciate the quality of the uneven fight which Greece is waging, a fight made finer by its very unevenness. From you we ask your moral help in this difficult competition now entered by our country, which is after all, your country too, for we athletes have all one common mother-land Olympia.

We call upon you for a campaign of propaganda, to spread as widely as possible in your circles your conviction that Greece is now standing as defender of the ideals of liberty and honour, until this becomes the conviction of all, and a world-wide intellectual referendum condemns the principle of the rule of material force.

Dr. Wang's Reply

Dr. C. T. Wang, who attended the Berlin Olympiad as China's representative on the International Olympic Committee, has replied to Mr. Ketscas as follows:

I hasten to express to you the admiration of our people in general and our athletes in particular for the bravery and patriotism of your people. The heroic stand you have taken and the great successes you have achieved speak louder than words. We in China have been fighting resolutely for three-and-a-half years for exactly the same things you have been fighting for, namely for honour and for liberty.

I shall not fail to give the widest publicity to your letter.

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Dr Li Shu-fan's Service On Council Thanked

Tributes to Dr Li Shu-fan, who recently declined to accept reappointment for a second term of office as a Chinese Unofficial Member on the Legislative Council for reasons of health, were paid at a meeting of the Council yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, who presided, said: Since this Council last met we have lost the services of one of our Chinese representatives, Dr Li Shu-fan, who has, since January, 1937, been a valued member. In all matters concerning the Colony's welfare, especially in the sphere of Public Health, Dr Li has given his services without stint, and I should not like his retirement from this Council to pass without expressing the gratitude of the Government and of the community for his valuable services. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Senior Chinese unofficial member, said: Sir, —On behalf of my Chinese colleagues, as well as on my own behalf, I desire to associate myself with your tribute to Dr Li Shu-fan.

As far as I know, Dr Li's severance with this Council in a unique event in its history in that this is the first case in which a Chinese Member of this Council has been unable to accept a reappointment for a second term of office for reasons of health.

Excessive Work

On his return from his trip to Europe and America at the beginning of this year, he was warned by his medical advisers not to subject himself to the strain of excessive work, and his colleagues and friends knew that it was only a compelling sense of public duty which induced him to persevere in his duties as a representative of the Chinese until the termination of his term of office. Those who have been privileged to work with him could not but be struck with his courtesy and spirit of co-operation, and I would like to tender to him an expression of gratitude for his kindness and assistance to me throughout the whole period of our collaboration.

Although we shall miss his presence in this Council, I am glad that Dr Li's services, which his medical knowledge and wide experience render so valuable, will continue to be available to the Colony. In the name of the Chinese community I

First Aid Lectures Starting

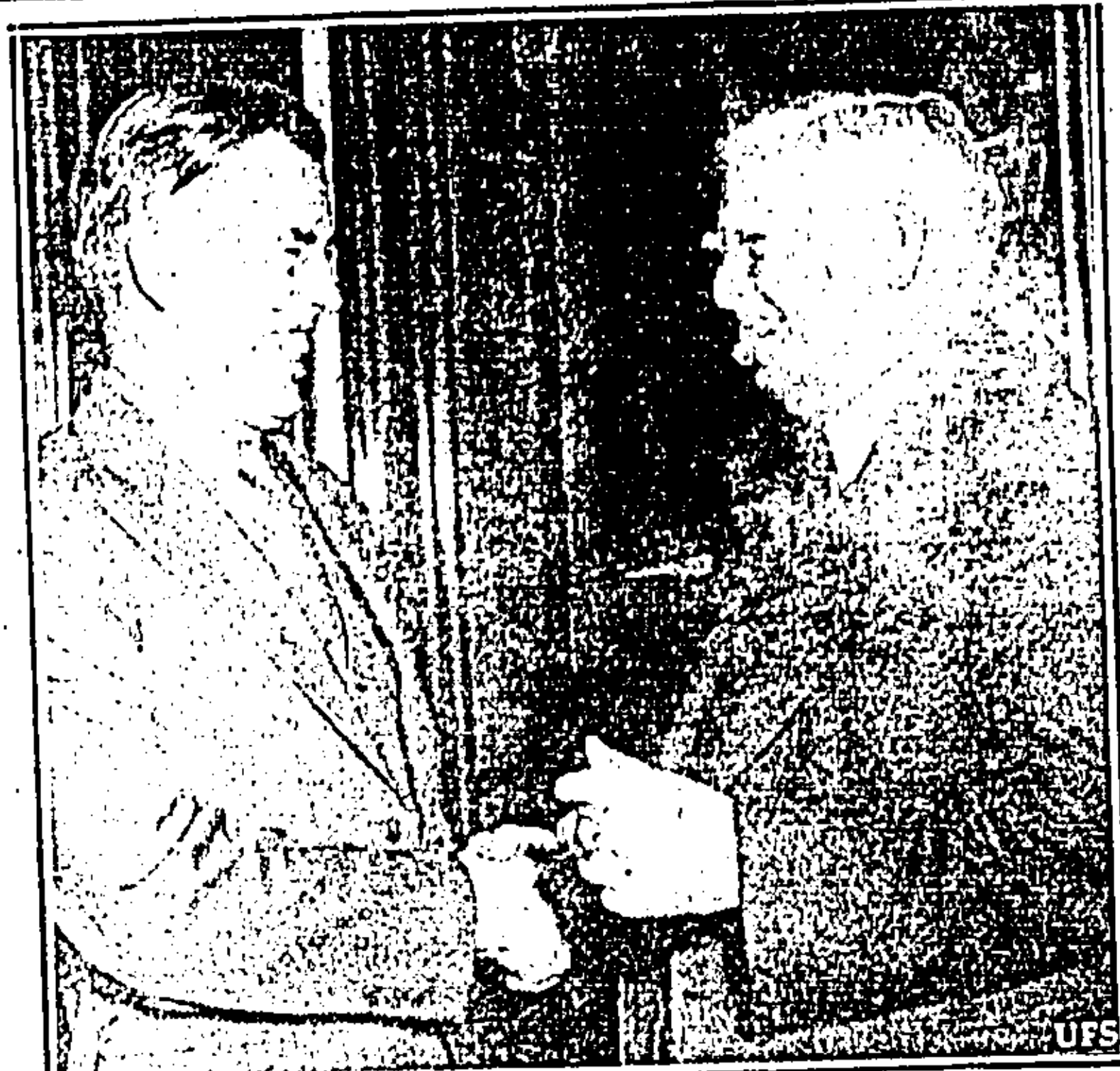
Auxiliary Nursing

A series of lectures in first aid will commence on March 5 at 5.30 p.m. at the Helena May Institute. The Secretary, Auxiliary Nursing Service, Queen Mary Hospital, will be glad to receive names of those wishing to attend.

Since the last published list the following members have completed their 96-hours hospital training in the wards and gained the proficiency certificate:

Sarah Abdullah, Ena Alves, Stella Bander, Sheila Baskett, Enid Becken, Margaret Clark, Elizabeth Davies, Hilda Greaves, Winifred Griffin, Gudrun Heiberger, Sister St George, Helen Hawkins, Sister Jean de Eucharista, Nina Karmilova, Kwan Wai-ying, Rosa Laseby, Dora Lancaster, Mary Lo, Anne Mackenzie, Mahmuda, Mehul, Eileen Monks, Winifred Margaret, Leslie Puckler, Edna Poekison, Marie Paterson, Sister St. Phillips, Doris Rocha, Margaret Stirling, Maud Smith, Sister St. Stephen, Lucy Sutcliffe, Anna Tanner, Sister Theresa, Guillaumina Van der Laan, Valentine Varanoff, Norah Wentworth, Naomi Walton Smith.

London, Feb. 20. The death was announced today of Sir Hamilton Hart, leading British conductor and composer. —Reuter.



IN AND OUT—Former U.S. Vice President John N. Garner, right, lets the smoke curl from his characteristic cigar as he shakes hands with the new Vice President Henry A. Wallace, in Washington. Garner was second to Roosevelt during the second term.

Grandson of Kaiser Leaves

A grandson of former Kaiser Wilhelm, Prince Friedrich of Prussia, was reported to be among 250 to 300 internees who sailed recently for England from Canada.

A part of the group was released to volunteer for air raid salvage work; others, on recommendation of the British Home Office that they were not menaces to the State, will resume normal occupations; and still others are being returned to appear before review boards or for other reasons.

Friedrich, son of the former Crown Prince of Germany, was prominent in London society circles just before the war.

He was interned in Scotland in November, 1939. It was reported

FLOWERS FOR A RAIDER

The inscription, "To Some Mother's Son," was on a card tied to a solitary bunch of flowers at the funeral of a Nazi airman buried at Marking.

He was one of the crew of a night bomber brought down by London's balloon barrage.

Hockey Meeting

Caer Clark Cup Tournament To Lapse

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday, it was decided that for this year the Caer Clark Cup tournament should lapse, though the Seven-a-side tournament be continued as usual.

Miss E. M. Gray, acting President was in the Chair, assisted by Mrs. I. Joyce.

Miss Gray presented the annual report and said that the Caer Clark Cup had been won for the fourth year in succession by the "V" Ladies, with St. Andrew's taking runners-up position and the Southern Cup.

In the junior league, Argonauts had won the Brawn Cup, and D.G.S. the Marnak Cup for second position.

The Annual Seven-a-side tournament had been held on February 10 and had been won by C.B.A., who thus won the Pearce Cup, while Argonauts took the runners-up trophy, the Knill Cup.

This was the first year of competitive hockey for the Argonauts and they had won the Brawn Cup and the Knill Cup.

Due to the European situation, the Interport match with Shanghai was not held.

Elections

At the suggestion of Miss Gray, the position of President was left vacant for the duration. The following were the officers elected for the year:

Vice-President—Miss E. M. Gray.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.—Miss R. Smith.
Council—Miss M. Remedios and Miss A. Aven (H.K. Ladies), Miss F. M. M. McCaw ("V"), Miss Smalley and Miss M. Hooker (H.K. Ladies), Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Churn and Miss V. Jex (D.G.S.), Miss C. Figueroa and Miss M. Maxwell (C.B.A.), Mrs. Joyce and Miss Baxter (C.B.A.).

For Bomber Fund

A proposal by Mrs. Joyce to make a donation to the Bomber Fund was unanimously adopted and the initial sum of \$100 was agreed upon. It was also decided to enter this year's Seven-a-side tournament to the benefit of a similar cause, and Miss Gray expressed the hope that the public would show a more hearty response.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday	
OLD COURSE	
0.10	A. J. Dennis, S. L. Lloyd.
0.20	R. G. Parker, R. Linker.
0.24	A. M. M. P. Morris.
0.28	K. S. Robertson, F. A. Redmond.
0.32	I. H. C. Hight, M. G. Carruthers.
0.36	T. Harrington, R. H. Davis.
0.40	G. E. Costello, J. W. Clague.
0.44	A. H. Guinness, D. J. Fortescue.
0.48	J. E. Potter, T. V. H. Fortescue.
0.52	A. V. Greaves, S. Tomlinson.
0.56	M. Pollock, R. A. Campbell.
1.00	T. E. Pearce, E. A. Howard.
1.04	J. W. McKee, C. F. Marshall.
1.08	A. W. Bourne, H. W. Dunsley.
1.12	W. W. C. Sheehan, A. B. Purves.
1.16	C. D. Burgess, D. MacAlister.
1.20	T. Megarry, T. C. Gairdner.
1.24	J. H. Geater, R. C. Gairdner.
1.28	H. Young, J. C. Taylor.
1.32	R. H. Challinor, A. A. Ritchie.
1.36	R. de W. Waller, Capt. Fishbourne.
1.40	W. N. A. Smalley, Major Curran.
NEW COURSE	
0.24	A. Sammut, K. S. Morrison.
0.28	J. S. Lee, A. M. Kennedy.
0.32	J. Redman, G. C. Alkenhead.
0.36	J. D. W. K. Collins.
0.40	B. W. Stoker, J. D. Thomson.
0.44	E. G. Price, J. E. Lawrie.
0.48	E. W. Duley, E. Davidson.
1.00	L. M. S. Lloyd, R. H. Mace.
1.04	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Murriel.
1.08	Col. Shackleton, Capt. Fieldy.

Combined Services XV's

Two Rugby matches will be held to-morrow afternoon on the Club ground at Happy Valley when Combined Services will field senior and Junior fifteens against Club-Police Officers. The Service sides are as follows:

1st XV (4.30 p.m.)—Honeywell (Navy); Richards (Army); Douglas (Army); Paul (Navy); (Capt.) and J. Hetherford (Navy); Sutherland (Army); Miller (Army); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Berry (Army) and Poole (Navy).

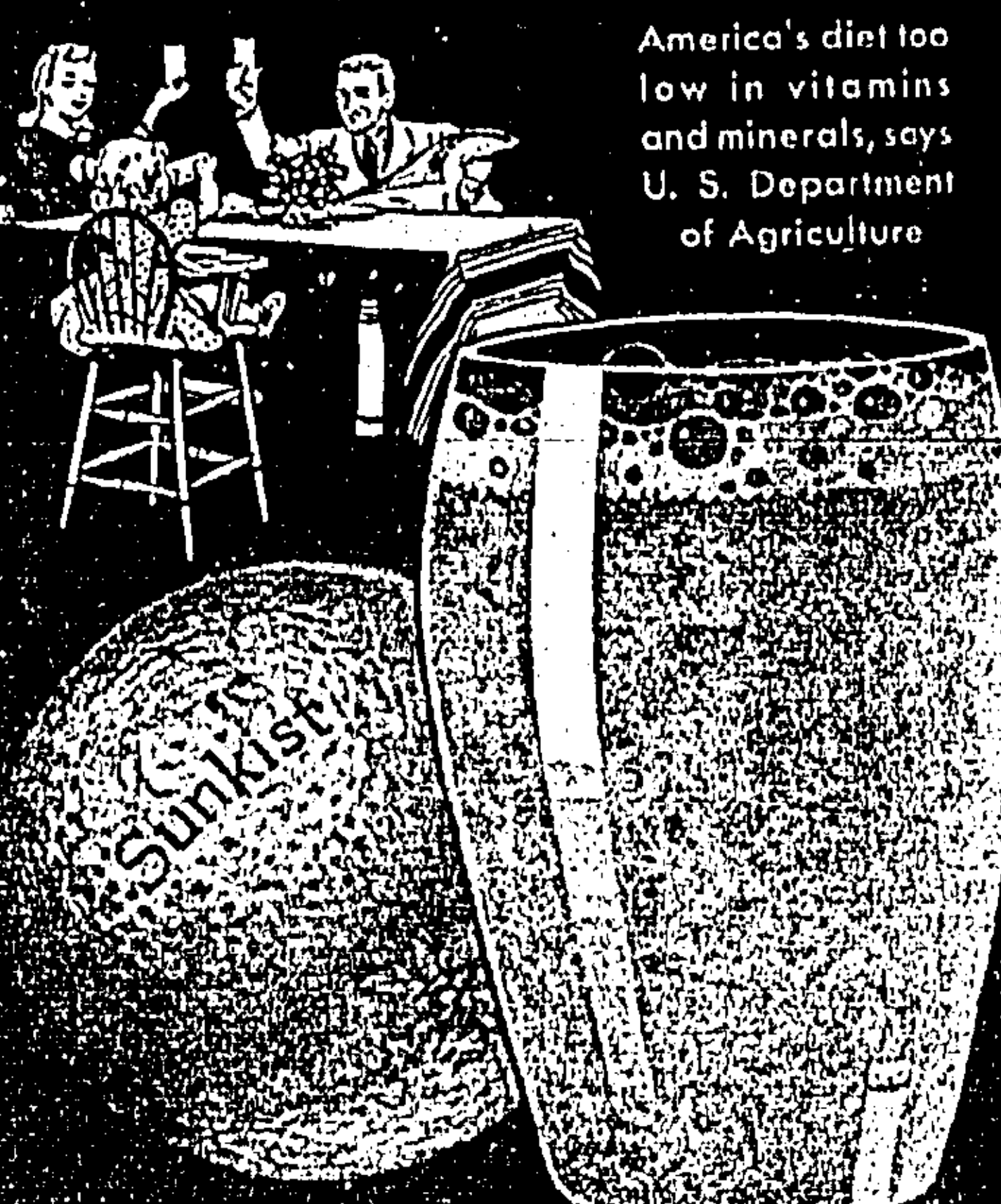
2nd XV (5.15 p.m.)—Patelouah (Army); Macdonald (Army); Skipwith (Army); Hook (Army); (Capt.) and Marsh (Army); Perce (Army); (Capt.) and Dobbinson (Army); Palmer (Navy); Howitt (Army); Winter (Navy); Stockham (Navy); Evans (Army); Flynn (Navy); Gillan (Army) and Wilson (Navy).

Conscription In Malta

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Conscription was introduced in Malta today. The Governor is empowered to call all males between the ages of 18 and 41 for military service.

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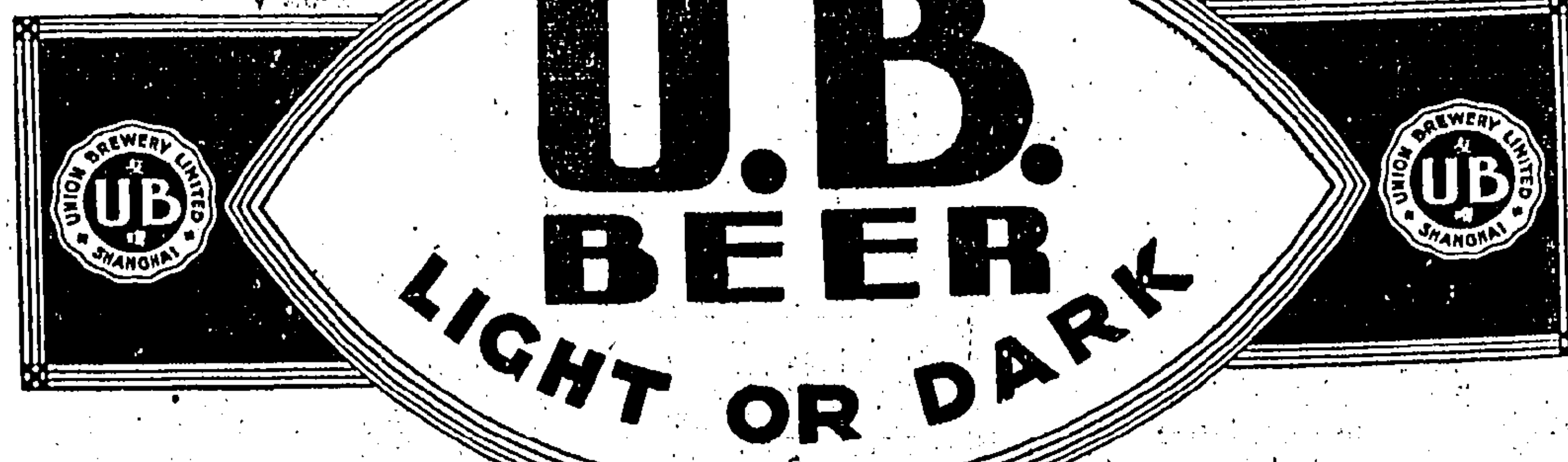
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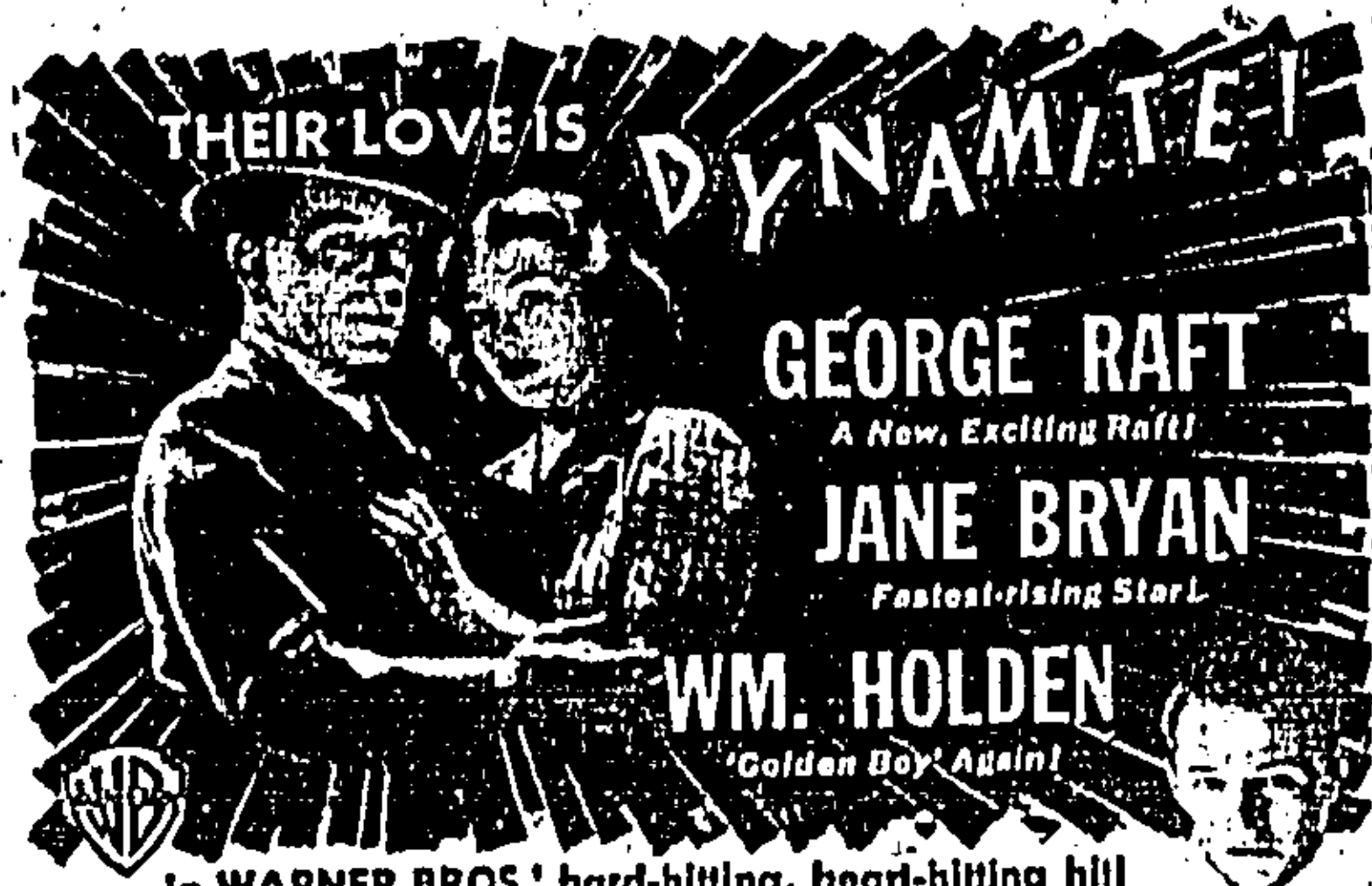
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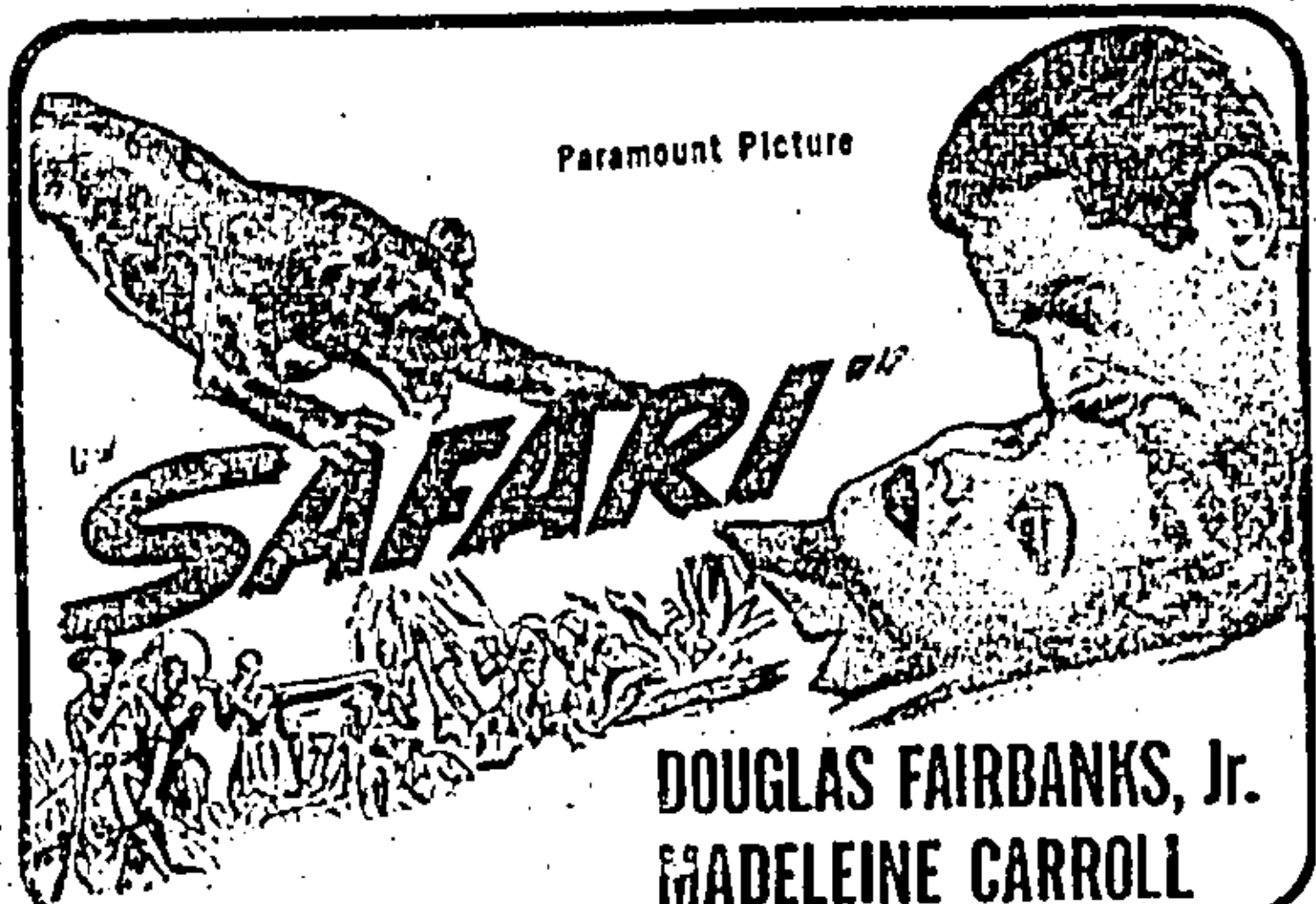
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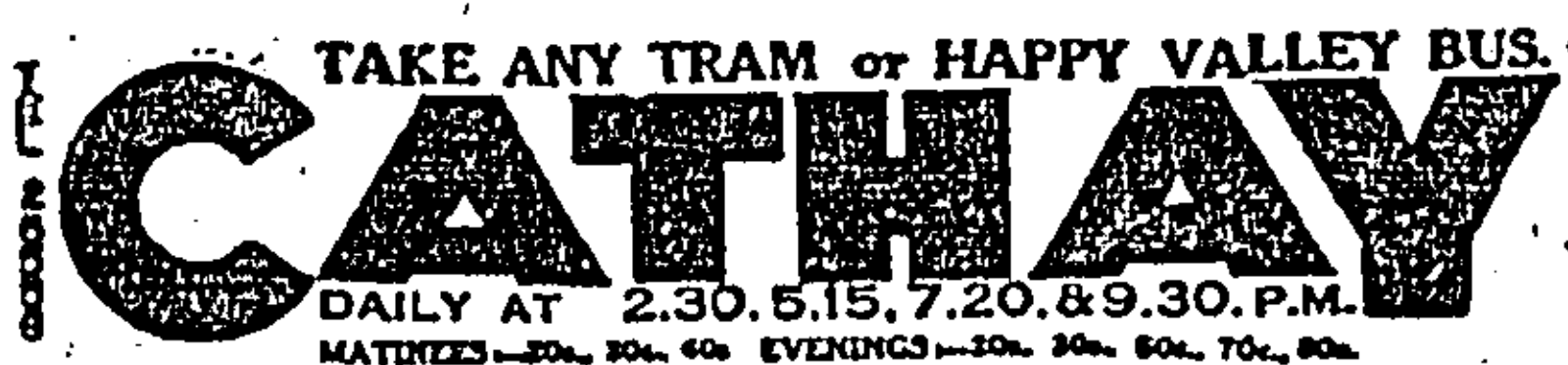


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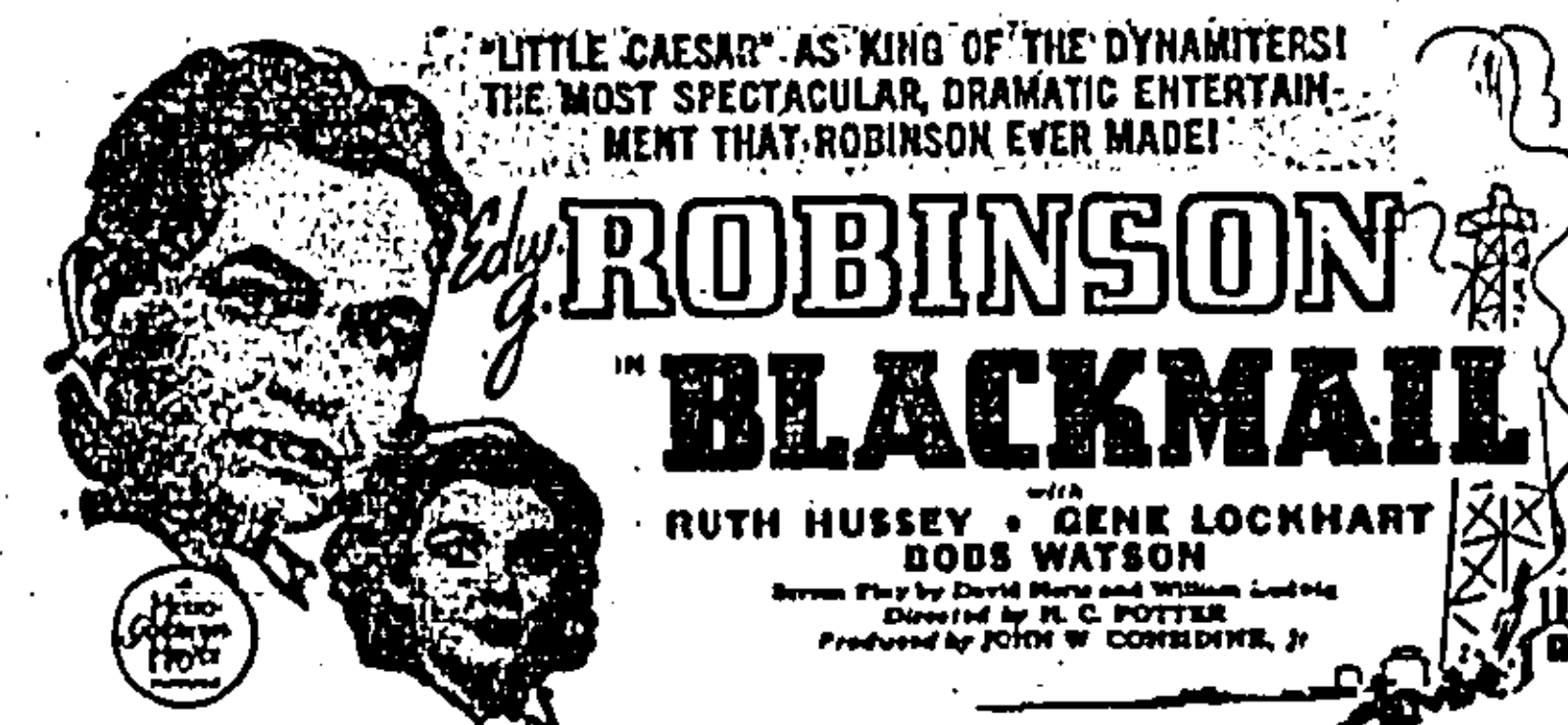
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Stirring Success Of British Arm in Africa

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there and the latter have been added
in the supply service by Cypriotes
who, for the first time, fight on the
British side.

"South-east to Eritrea you find in
the extreme north British troops
advancing near the coast and
threatening the Italian right flank. A
hundred miles southward, British and
Indian troops have made dramatic
advances to the Sudan, capturing
Kassala, Beldia and Ajordat, and are
attacking the immensely strong position
of Keren.

"Further south, the British and
Indian troops have captured Barentu
and are still advancing.
"A fourth force of British, Imperial
and Sudanese have captured Gallabat
and is advancing towards Gondar.

"A further 600 miles on, South
African troops have advanced to the
east of Lake Rudolf, penetrating
deep into Abyssinia and have with
the Rhodesians and the King's African
Rifles, cleared all Kenya of the enemy
and are thrusting north.

King's African Rifles
"Finally 600 miles further east,
troops of the Gold Coast, with the
King's African Rifles, have conquered
a great area of Italian Somaliland and
have captured the important port of
Kismayu and are now on the line of
the River Juba. (Latest reports say
that the River has been crossed by
British troops.—Ed.)

"When we remember that Canadian
divisions and New Zealanders, with
gunners from Newfoundland, are
standing here at the vital part of
this struggle to meet the first shock
of invasion, that Australians and Im-
perial troops are reinforcing Singa-
pore, that squadrons of Dominion air-
men are sharing the highest honours
of the heavens with the flower of the
Old Country's youth and that from
the great Imperial centre of Canada
they are coming and will yet come in
their scores of thousands, we have a
real answer to Hitler—the brother-
hood of free men in arms, inspired
by a common faith and fighting for
the common freedom that they prize
above all.

"This is the real 'New Order'—a
community so closely united that
it marches steadily through the valley
of death so that the British Empire
and civilisation as a whole may sur-
vive and triumph over the foul and
evil thing which seeks to destroy the
soul of man."

**Turkey Won't Permit
Nazis To Cross**

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ideals.

Axis Claims Ridiculous
ISTANBUL, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—
"Turkey's policy is tightly linked up
with that of Britain by an alliance
unchanged and unchangeable," writes
M. Sadek, a member of the Chamber
of Deputies, who is generally regarded
as a semi-official spokesman.

"He added, 'Bulgaria is not only
pledged by the Ankara Pact to Tur-
key, but also to Greece. If Turkey
engagement is not respected, Turkey
resumes her freedom of action. The
declaration conforms with the spirit
of the Anglo-Turkish alliance. Pro-
pagandaist claims that it constitutes
an Axis victory are ridiculous.'"

Accord With Yugo-Slavia
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (Domel).—
Following up the Bulgarian-Turkish
non-aggression agreement, Turkey
will announce a similar accord with
Yugo-Slavia in the next few days,
according to information reaching
here.

Negotiations for the agreement
have been in progress between the
two countries on the basis of the sug-
gestions made by German authorities
during the recent visit to Germany by
the Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign
Minister, it was further reported.

Turkey's National Policy
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Tur-
key has made the Anglo-Turkish
Alliance her "national and permanent
policy," declared the Turkish news-
paper, "Aksham," according to the
Ankara radio.

The paper, commenting on the
Turko-Bulgarian declaration, added:
"If foreign circles have thought that
it might be possible for the Turks to
act in a manner contrary to the stipu-
lations of this Alliance (with Britain),
they are greatly mistaken."

Michigan Alumni
The University of Michigan Club
will hold a luncheon on Saturday at
the Metropole Hotel. There will be
an election of officers and new social
activities for the year will be decided
upon. Interesting news about the
University will be read by Dr. Y. T.
Tsang, Chairman.

All graduates and former students
are requested to attend.

**American School In
Tokyo Closing**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—It is
understood that Tokyo's American
School is terminating 40 years of
activities in June, when the term
ends.

The present enrolment is 76,
of which ten are Americans, contrasting
with a normal 200.

The American School is the last of
the British and American schools
throughout Japan.

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RUSSIAN CRITICISM

Japanese Weakness In War Of Nerves

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MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The
Soviet paper, the "Red Star",
commenting on what it calls Japan's
"weak points" in what it terms a war
of nerves between Japan, Britain
and the United States, refers to
Japan's military preparations and
the "movement southward" and says,
"the weak and vulnerable points in
these preparations" were recently
pointed out by Mr. Hiroo, President
of a Japanese media concern, who
issued a reminder that Japan depends
to a considerable extent on her sup-
plies of raw materials from abroad.

Mr. Hiroo's statement casts light on
the motives for the statements by
Japanese officials in the peculiar war
of nerves going on between the
Japanese and Anglo-American blocs.

Comparing these statements with
the reported activities of the Japanese
military authorities, the paper re-
marks that some foreign observers
find a "certain division of labour" be-
tween the diplomatic and military
departments of Japan.

**DR JOHNSON
RELICS**
Saved In Raid

Many relics of the famous Dr
Samuel Johnson escaped harm
when the house in Gough
Square, which he occupied dur-
ing his lifetime, was damaged in
a big fire raid on London.

In the first week of the war the
custodian of the house removed
valuable prints, paintings, and first
editions and stored them in water-
proof wrapping in a large trunk in
the basement. Forced by fire to
leave her cottage—the lodge of the
house—she returned at 5 a.m. and
retrieved the trunk, which had begun
to fill with water.

The trunk is now in a place of
safety. Although the walls of the
house still stand, the interior and
most of the historic furniture were
severely damaged.

**Panama Canal
Lock Work**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CRISTOBAL, Feb. 19 (Domel).—
Construction work on the Third Lock
in the Panama Canal was started
to-day from Gatun Lake.

At a total cost of \$6,000,000, the
work will be completed in two years
eight months. Bids for the engineer-
ing work were made in December,
last year.

WAR TROPHIES
**Chinese Remember
Yarnell**

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Central
News).—Many trophies captured by
the Chinese in north Hunan have
been sent here to be presented to
Admiral H. E. Yarnell, former Com-
mander-in-Chief of the United States
Asiatic Fleet, in appreciation of his
sympathy with and support to China's
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BRITAIN'S SUGGESTED RESTRICTIONS ON WAR MATERIALS TO JAPAN

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Britain has sounded out the United States on a number of measures designed to prevent Japan from increasing her reserves of strategic materials in preparation for a possible war against the Democracies.

A list of suggestions was given to Mr Harry Hopkins for submission to President Roosevelt, and it is believed they are now under consideration in Washington.

It has been emphasised by Britain that she does not wish to do anything that will provoke Japan.

FOUR SUGGESTIONS

- The suggestions are believed to include the following:
- (1) That the United States Philippines, British Empire and Allied Empires should restrict exports to Japan to the normal peacetime level or less.
 - (2) That the United States put a further indirect check on Japanese imports by limiting to normal peacetime levels or less, United States controlled shipping available to Japan, especially tankers.
 - (3) The United States, by buying large amounts of key materials from South America, could put a brake on the present big purchases there.
 - (4) If the United States would give favourable consideration to the establishment of a British contraband base in the Caribbean it would help the British control of exports of vital materials from the east coast of South America to the Far East, via the Panama Canal.

It was pointed out to Mr Hopkins that the United States had imposed complete embargoes on a small range of exports, including high octane gasoline, but this did not restrict the export of other kinds of petroleum products, cotton, lead and other minerals.

On the other hand the British Empire restricted exports to Japan of these items as well as a wide range of other products to normal peacetime levels or less.

The British are reported to have suggested that policies should be co-ordinated between the United States, Philippines and the Allies to restrict exports to Japan and Japanese controlled areas to normal levels. This would involve an extension of the export licensing system in the United States and the adoption of similar machinery in the Philippines.

It was also pointed out to Mr Hopkins that if the United States and Allied controlled tankers, including Panamanian vessels under control of United States firms withdrew from Japanese service, Japan's importing capacity would be severely reduced.

CAPTURED PORTS

Mediterranean Navy On Libyan Coast

With the British Mediterranean Fleet, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—I have just returned to harbour after spending ten days at sea aboard a British warship in which we visited the captured Italian ports and saw how the British lines of communication were being maintained as far as Benghazi.

We were the first naval force to enter Benghazi since its surrender.

Now that German planes are participating in the African campaign, more determined efforts are to be made to disrupt British sea communications along the Libyan coast, but counter-measures by units of the fleet have maintained the steady flow of men and material, while the reorganisation of the captured towns is proceeding apace.

Airmen Shot Down

Three German airmen shot down while we were at Benghazi, are now aboard this ship as prisoners to gether with 350 Italian officers and 500 men.

Outward bound we carried a number of Libyan volunteers, some of whom were exiles and other ex-prisoners now fighting on the British side.

A British officer told me of how, during an advance beyond Derna, the local Libyans rendered valuable service by dropping behind the retreating Italians and pointing out the mined areas. In some cases they actually built barricades in front of the mines to prevent the British from passing over before they had been warned.

Our first port of call was Tobruk where the harbour is still full of sunken enemy derelicts. Ashore, the arduous task of cleaning up the town was proceeding rapidly while the native element have gradually trailed back home.

PONTOONS ACROSS DANUBE

German Activity Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Feb. 20 (UP).—It is reliably reported, although officially denied in Sofia, that the Germans have placed a pontoon bridge across the Danube near Giurgiu in Rumania, to a point near Rustchuk in Bulgaria.

It is believed that this is only a trial.

According to another report, a pontoon bridge was erected 50 miles up the river a week ago and a fairly large number of troops crossed then and returned to Rumania, the bridge being withdrawn.

It is known that about seven bridgeheads have been prepared on the Rumanian side of the river.

Panama Canal Lock Work

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CRISTOBAL, Feb. 19 (Dome).—Construction work on the Third Lock in the Panama Canal was started to-day from Gatun Lake.

At a total cost of \$8,000,000, the work will be completed in two years and eight months. Bids for the engineering work were made in December, last year.

GREEKS SCORE

Capture Another 200 Prisoners

ATHENS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Thursday was another successful day for Greek troops who, says a communique from G.H.Q., occupied strong enemy positions and captured 200 prisoners, including officers.

In addition, numerous automatic arms and much material fell into Greek hands.

There were also successes in the air. Enemy military objectives were successfully bombed and five enemy planes were brought down in active combat.

Anglo-Irish Problems

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Political circles are speculating on the possibility of America or Canada being asked to mediate in Anglo-Irish problems after submission of a secret memorandum to Mr De Valera and Mr Churchill by a group, headed by Sir Hughbert Gough.

The group claim to represent the feeling of Irishmen all over the world.

The memorandum makes recommendations concerning Irish air and air bases for Britain, as well as Irish unity.



DOING A GRAND JOB OF WORK

These men render mines safe after they have been washed ashore on Britain's coasts. This squad seen in the picture have been decorated for bravery in carrying out the task. Left to right they are "Tubby" S. C. Keen, D.S.M., the Rendering Mines Safe Officer, Lieut-Cdr R. B. Edwards, D.S.O., Chief Petty Officer Spriggs, D.S.M., and A.B. G. Rowell.

Too Costly For Japan To Try & Take Singapore, Say U.S. Experts

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Naval experts are of the opinion that any attempt by Japan to take Singapore would be over-costly, even if there were no British warships in the vicinity.

However, it was conceded that the Japanese navy could blockade Singapore unless Britain had a strong naval force there.

The same experts also believed that Japan might eventually capture Singapore, if she were willing to pay what is considered to be a "terrible cost."

However, it was generally thought that the most likely strategy would be an attempt to starve out Singapore.

The experts declared that an attempt at outright capture would leave Japan too weakened to exploit the achievement, assuming it was ever realised.

Danger To U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Mr Ludwell Denny of the Scripps-Howard newspaper service to-day declared:

"Informed quarters state that the danger of the United States being involved in a war in the Far East is greater than in Europe."

He asserted that Hitler hopes to involve the United States in a war with Japan in order to divert American aid to Britain.

Against this Mr Churchill, declared Mr Denny, desires the United States to participate in the present show of force in the Pacific, in the first instance as a warning, but if Japan ignores the warning, for the U.S. to act belligerently.

President Roosevelt has been consulted over every major move made by Britain.

A MISTAKE Italy Made Fatal Miscalculation

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).

—A special commentary in the journal "Geneve" on February 17 stated that Italy entered the war because she believed that it would be quickly over. They over-rated the French resistance, under-estimated the British and shared the German illusion that Britain could not withstand repeated massive bombing.

Italy counted on the ruin of the British Empire, believing that she had only to fight a country in the last stage of feebleness. She perceives to-day that she confronts a power able to hold out for a long time with resources constantly increasing.

Italy's reverses are due to false political calculations.

Eleven Enemy Planes Downed By Empire Pilots in Africa

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Bomber and fighter units of the R.A.F., the South African Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force brought to-day's bag of enemy aircraft to 11 in addition to two further machines brought down the day before during engagements or bombing operations.

All to-day's victims were Italians except for one Heinkel machine.

Three Hurricanes engaged a formation of Heinkels yesterday, and of two British planes missing, one pilot is safe.

South African Air Force units destroyed ten Italian aircraft during an attack on an aerodrome in the Asmara (Abyssinia) area while one Heinkel was brought down during an enemy raid on Benghazi, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

It is now confirmed that fighters of the Royal Australian Air Force yesterday shot down two additional Junkers machines on Tuesday.

In the attack on the Asmara aerodrome, buildings and hangars were hit while a transport park and repair shops at Dessie (Abyssinia) as well as moving troops on the roads were heavily bombed. Large columns of black smoke poured out of the ravaged workshops.

Offensive Over France

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—British fighters carried out some offensive patrol activity over the French coast during the day, it was officially announced. Two British fighters are missing.

Mr Eden's Important Mission To Egypt

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, Mr Anthony Eden, and the Chief of the Imperial and General Staff, General Sir John Dill, have arrived in Egypt.

Italo-Greek Peace Talks Denied

What Turkey Will Do If Nazis Attack

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Feb. 20 (UP).—Greek diplomatic quarters are angrily denying reports of Italo-Greek peace conversations.

They asserted that any such talks would involve the withdrawal of British troops and occupation by German forces.

It is learned that Herr von Papen has repeatedly asked the Turkish Government to mediate.

A Foreign Office source considers that Bulgaria would avoid any declaration by permitting German troops to use Bulgaria as a base for aggression.

British sources intimate that in the event of a German attack on Greece, Turkey might declare war, but she would fight defensively to which she is best adapted, at the same time troops to use Bulgaria to pass through the Dardanelles in order to attack supply lines to Rumania, while British troops would make use of Turkey as a base.

Alfonso Restless

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Ex-King Alfonso passed a restless day, it was announced in Rome.

British Armed Cruiser Sunk

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—H.M.S. Crispin, an armed auxiliary vessel of the Royal Navy, has been sunk, announces the Admiralty.

The next of kin of the casualties have been advised.

The Crispin was of 5,071 tons, built in 1935. In peacetime she was one of the Booth Line vessels carrying both passengers and cargo.

LATEST

Discovery By H.K. Censors

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21 (UP).—It is reliably learned that Britain has renewed a request to the United States for further restriction of American trade reaching Germany via Japan and Russia.

The new request was made after censorship in Hongkong of recent American mails in which, it is alleged, evidence was discovered that American goods were travelling via Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama and Dalen to Vladivostok.

It is reliably reported that American consul officials in the Far East are investigating the movement of American cargoes, particularly those for transshipment, although the strict enforcement of the export licensing system since January 1 has drastically reduced the shipment of many American products, especially metals.

It is understood that Britain lacked specific proof of American transshipments until the censors in the past fortnight, incidentally, documentary evidence which they subsequently communicated to Washington.

Unofficial circles regard the consular investigation of trade movements as an indication that the United States is preparing for fuller co-operation with Britain.

Increase In Island's Electricity Charges

Electricity on the island is to cost more. This is revealed in a statement issued to-day declaring that as from March 21, the Hongkong Electric Company's standard charges for current will increase from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit for lighting and from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit for power. It is also disclosed that from that date the discount of ten per cent. on power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month, will be discontinued.

At the annual meeting to be held on March 20, the following recommendations will be made.

To pay a final dividend of \$1.20 per share on the 600,000 old shares, making, with the interim dividend of \$1.00 per share paid

on 11th September 1940, a total of \$2.20 per share

To pay a dividend of \$1.10 per share on the 300,000 new shares ranking for dividend as from 1st July 1940

To pay a second dividend to the "South"

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3,500 A.R.P. Wardens To Take H.K. Census

A census of the population will be taken between 6 and 10 p.m. on March 7 to 10, said Mr B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P. at a Press conference this morning. Almost the entire A.R.P. force, comprising 2,400 wardens in Hongkong and 1,100 wardens in Kowloon, will be engaged upon this gigantic task.

The only information that the A.R.P. will require is the age and nationality of the occupants. It is stressed that the sole object of the census is to find out what shelter accommodation must be provided in each district and also how food must be distributed in case of emergency.

Mr Puckle expressed the hope that the population will assist and co-operate in this respect.

Black-out

The black-out will take place as scheduled, from sunset to dawn on February 26, 27 and 28. It is stated that if the black-out exercise proves successful on the first two nights, there will be no black-out on February 28.

It has come to the notice of the A.R.P. authorities that unauthorised persons during previous black-outs called at certain houses and gave orders regarding lighting, etc. The public is warned only to recognise wardens who are in uniform and recruits who wear identity badges and armlets.

Tunnel Tested

Mr Puckle said that tunnel ventilation was tested on Sunday and Tuesday when the duct ventilating and the exhaust fan systems were tried out. Both worked satisfactorily but the authorities have not decided which system to adopt.

Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., returned to office this morning after being in hospital with influenza for 18 days. He was looking none the worse for his illness.

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Unlawful Sale Of Poison

Soldier Customer
A charge of unlawful sale of poisons contrary to the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, was preferred against Leung, Lu-long, 42, manager of the Asia Hospital Supplies, No. 109 Johnston Road, Wan-chai, when he appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.
It was alleged that Leung sold a packet of Streptocide, and a packet of Aminobenzene Sulfamide Pyridine to Lunce-Corporal Willis on February 20 at his store.
On the application of Inspector W. N. Dinkin, the defendant was remanded for a week for further inquiries to be made.

Soldier On Rape Charge

Frank Kenneth Jacobs, private, Royal Army Medical Corps, was charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning with rape and indecent assault on Man Mui-wai, alias Man Shiu-ying on January 16 at Kowloon.
Jacobs pleaded not guilty to both charges.
Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that he understood that Mr. Percy Chen would be appearing for the defence.
His Lordship adjourned the case until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, when it will be heard, and remanded the accused in military custody.

D.G.S. SCHOOL ROBBED BY FORMER "BOY"

Miss Gibbons, Headmistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, was cited as complainant in a theft and burglary case against Leung To, 43, unemployed, who was before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court today.
Leung admitted that on August 15 last he stole a travelling clock from the school and that he broke into and entered the school on February 15 and stole a coat and an alarm clock. He admitted that he again entered the school at midnight on February 17 and stole two pairs of trousers and two woollen jumpers.
It was said that defendant was formerly employed at the school and the clock had been stolen whilst he was working there. Subsequently, the defendant was dismissed but apparently he retained two duplicate keys which enabled him to enter the school.
Sentence of seven months' hard labour was imposed.

LaGuardia Wants A.R.P. Ready

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—United States mayors, particularly those of cities on the east and west coast, were today urged by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, of New York, to tackle immediately the problem of air-raid precautions.
He was speaking at a mayors' conference and added that while there was a 97 per cent. chance of not being attacked, neither the United States Government nor any mayor could afford to take the three per cent. chance.

Belgium Under The Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The economic situation in Belgium is described as "catastrophic" according to travellers arriving in Spain, says "Inch" (Free Belgian Agency).
The country has been pillaged and stripped bare by the occupying forces. The position is worse than that which existed in Spain during the civil war, travellers declare. Spinning mills are idle owing to lack of wool.



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 20th March, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange Business on Monday, the 21st February, 1941. (Race Meeting).

Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Notice is hereby given that freight rates will be increased by approximately 10% effective April 1st, 1941. A revised tariff sheet will be issued.

HONGKONG/CARIBBEAN SEA PORTS RATE AGREEMENT
Hongkong, February 19, 1941.

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HONGKONG/PANAMA FREIGHT CONFERENCE
Hongkong, February 19, 1941.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940
The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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- British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

Anglo-American Cotton & Rubber

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Mr. Jesse E. Jones, Chairman of the Export and Import Bank, said today that American at present had enough rubber stores about to last from 18 to 24 months. He said that he did not believe that the source of foreign supply would be endangered.

Asked if there were any prospects of another British-American cotton-rubber barter deal, Mr. Jones said that he had not heard of such prospects but would be delighted to arrange a deal.

G. R. NOTICE

Will all Jurors who have been summoned to attend at the Supreme Court on Monday next, the 24th day of February, 1941, please note that their attendance is not required until 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1941.

L. A. ANDREWEES,
Registrar, Supreme Court,
Hong Kong.

G. R. PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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- The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.
- 6.47 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Harmonium).

The Pretence Lady O' Cheap (Baron and McCall); Wandering King's Highway (Leslie Coward); The Floral Dance (Katie Moss); The Lute Player (Allittson).

- 7.00 London Relay—The News.
- 7.15 London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.
- 7.30 Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) playing some Chopin Mazurkas.
- Mazurka in B Minor, Op. 30, No. 1; Mazurka in F Major, Op. 7, No. 2; Mazurka in E Minor, Op. 17, No. 2; Mazurka in B Flat Major, Op. 17, No. 1; Mazurka in G Minor, Op. 30, No. 2; Mazurka in B Minor, Op. 30, No. 2 (Posthumous); Mazurka in C Major, Op. 67, No. 3 (Posthumous).
- 7.45 A Short Violin Recital by Joseph Siletti.
- Scene de la Czarina, No. 3—Hungarian Gypsy Fantasy (Hubay); Danse Russe (from "Petroushka"); Stravinsky; Norwegian Song—"Snow" (Sigurd Lie); Gavotte (from "Classical Symphony"—Prokofiev, Op. 25; Sonata No. 3 in D (Weber).
- 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
- 8.02 Billy Russell, Gracie Fields and Vic Oliver in Variety.
- 8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland".
- 9.00 London Relay—The News.
- 9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
- 9.30 Some of Ivor Novello's "Hits".
- 10.00 London Relay—Talk: "By the Way".
- 10.15 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.
- 10.28 Dance Music.
- 11.00 Close Down.

Heavy Air Raid Casualties

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—It is now ascertained, says Air Ministry, that the number killed on Wednesday night's raid on the London area is greater than at first thought.

Turkey Will Not Permit Nazis To Cross Territory Say Papers

ISTANBUL, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The suggestion that in virtue of her agreement with Turkey, Bulgaria will allow German troops to cross her territory is refuted in the Turkish newspaper "Vakit" to-day.

It says: "Certain people think that the signing of the Ankara Pact means that Bulgaria has secured Turkey's neutrality with the view to allowing the passage of German troops through Bulgarian territory."

"Without hesitation, the Turks reply, 'No! There is irrefutable proof that Bulgaria, by signing the declaration, unreservedly recognises the Anglo-Turk and Turko-Greek friendships and alliances.'"

Deputy Vaitchin, writing in the "Kent Sabah", emphasises that the Anglo-Turk alliance is immutable and declares that the war of nerves which the Axis has launched in the Balkans will be scattered before the fortress-like strength of Turkey.

"Continuous contacts with Britain during difficult months have led to the friendship, mutual respect and becoming deeply-rooted. To-day, as hitherto, the Turkish people followed the same path as the British, always remaining sincere friends in good and bad days and Allies with the same ideals."

Axix Claims Ridiculous
ISTANBUL, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"Turkey's policy is tightly linked up with that of Britain by an alliance unchanged and unchangeable," writes M. Sadek, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, who is generally regarded as a semi-official spokesman.

He added, "Bulgaria is not only pledged by the Ankara Pact to Turkey, but also to Greece. If this engagement is not respected, Turkey resumes her freedom of action. The declaration conforms with the spirit of the Anglo-Turkish alliance. Propagandist claims that it constitutes an Axis victory are ridiculous."

Accord With Yugo-Slavia
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (Domei).—Following up the Bulgarian-Turkish non-aggression agreement, Turkey will announce a similar accord with Yugo-Slavia in the next few days, according to information reaching here.

Negotiations for the agreement have been in progress between the two countries on the basis of the suggestions made by German authorities during the recent visit to Germany by the Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign Minister. It was further reported.

Turkey's National Policy
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Turkey has made the Anglo-Turkish Alliance her "national and permanent policy," declared the Turkish newspaper, "Akisim," according to the Ankara radio.

The paper, commenting on the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration, added: "If foreign circles have thought that it might be possible for the Turks to act in a manner contrary to the stipulations of this Alliance (with Britain), they are greatly mistaken."

Australian Envoy to Tokyo Asked to Help Keep Peace
TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister to Japan, called on Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, to-day.

The subjects of their conversation are not revealed though it is generally believed, says the "Domei" agency, that Mr. Ohashi emphasised the need for the collaboration of the Australian Government in preventing any aggravation of the situation.

It is thought that he declared that the "Far Eastern scare" is groundless.

Picked Out of Air
NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Columbia Broadcasting System reported a Sydney broadcast to-day which quoted the Melbourne "Argus" as follows: "If Japan could secure herself in America found herself surrounded at Hawaii, with increasing insoluble problems of Japanese infiltration into South America."

Menzies Consulted
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Australian Prime Minister Mr. R. G. Menzies, arrived in England by air this afternoon at the invitation of the United Kingdom Government to discuss various aspects of the war situation.

Japanese Concentrations
CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (UP).—A military spokesman said to-day that over half the Japanese Air Force on the Asiatic mainland was concentrated on Hainan Island and in Indo-China and Kwangtung. The Japanese were transferring the bulk of their troops in Central China to Formosa and Hainan Island to assist in possible operations in the South China Sea.

Hypocritical Offer
MADRAS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Japanese offer of a mediation, the Hindu "Nationalist" says: "For a country which has been waging war on China for ten years to offer to work for peace is hypocritical."

It adds that it is difficult to believe that Japan is animated by a genuine desire for peace, for in that case she must set an example herself by stopping her aggression against China.

The "Free Press Nationalist" says that if Hitler is carrying on a war of nerves against his enemies, Mr. Matsuo is carrying on a war of wits. While the former's moves are more blatant and terrific, the latter's are subtle and intriguing.

Diplomatic Manoeuvre
BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Indian press dismisses the Japanese mediation move as merely a diplomatic manoeuvre.

The "Nationalist" (Bombay Sentinel) says that Japanese mediation is not wanted. With Britain's growing preparations in the Far East, the Japanese are daily becoming more friendly.

CURRIE'S TRAVELS

Mission Considers Transportation

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Particular attention is being paid by the American economic mission to China to transportation problems. It is learned from reliable sources, America is reported to be prepared to give Chinese financial and material assistance.

Large quantities of medicines, supplies and arms will be forthcoming, but the most important problem will be to get these materials speedily transported to the interior. An efficient centralised transportation administration is the main problem at present confronting the Chinese and American authorities, it is pointed out.

Currie In Chengtu
CHENGUTU, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Accompanied by Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, retiring American Ambassador to China, Dr. Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, and party, arrived here from Chungking by air at 11 a.m. yesterday.

They were met at the airport by a large gathering of high Government officials headed by General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government.

At noon the American visitors were entertained at a luncheon given jointly by the Provincial Government, the Szechwan Pacification Headquarters and other government organisations.

In the afternoon, they were guests at a tea given by General and Madame Chang Chun.

Conservancy Work Seen
CHENGUTU, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Dr. Currie, and Mr. Emil Despres, research official in the Economic Division of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, went this morning to Kunming, north-west of Chengtu, where they inspected water conservancy work.

They returned to Chengtu immediately after the inspection and attended at noon a luncheon party given in their honour by the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations and the Sino-British Cultural Association.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon they flew back to Chungking.

Slip In Budget Speech

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.
Sir,—I regret that due to a slip in the advance copies of my budget speech sent to the Press, I was reported as saying: "Rather should we endeavour to iron out the inequities of the present War Revenue Ordinance."

The word I used in Council was "inequity". As I was a member of last year's War Revenue Committee, I could hardly refer to it as inequity!

I should be glad if you would publish this letter.

STANLEY H. DODWELL.

Half Million Lost?

The loss of ticket No. 780929 on the Rocky Hill Derby of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be run to-morrow, has been reported by Yau Kuen-pok, who said that he noticed the loss somewhere in Bonham Strand, East.

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Hockey Meeting

Caer Clark Cup Tournament To Lapse

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday, it was decided that for this year the Caer Clark Cup tournament should lapse, though the Seven-a-side tournament be continued as usual.

Miss E. M. Gray, acting President was in the Chair, assisted by Mrs. I. Joyce.

Miss Gray presented the annual report and said that the Caer Clark Cup had been won by the fourth year in succession by the "Ladies", with St. Andrew's taking runners-up position and the Southern Cup.

In the Junior league, Argonauts had won the Bravn Cup, and D.G.S. the Marnak Cup for second position. The Annual Seven-a-side tournament had been held on February 10 and had been won by C.B.A. who then won the Pearce Cup, while Argonauts took the runners-up trophy, the Knill Cup.

This was the first year of competitive hockey for the Argonauts and they had won the Bravn Cup and the Knill Cup.

Due to the European situation, the interpart match with Shanghai was not held.

Elections
At the suggestion of Miss Gray, the position of President was left vacant for the duration. The following were the officers elected for the year: Vice-President—Miss E. M. Gray. Hon. Sec. and Treas.—Miss R. Smith. Council—Miss M. Kennedy and Miss A. Alves (Receiv.), Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss M. McCaw, Miss Smalley and Miss M. Bonker (Hon. Ladies), Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Chuen and Miss V. Jex (D.G.S.), Mrs. C. Figueroa and Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts), Mrs. Joyce and Miss Baxter (C.B.A.).

For Bomber Fund
A proposal by Mrs. Joyce to make a donation to the Bomber Fund was unanimously adopted and the initial sum of \$400 was agreed upon. It was also decided to turn this year's Seven-a-side tournament to the benefit of a similar cause, and Miss Gray expressed the hope that the public would show a more hearty response.

Junior Chess Championship Results

Latest results in the Junior Chess Championship of the Colony are: A. Kurrik beat A. Marston, J. Grold beat W. Lee, V. V. Kolchhoff beat R. C. Gardner, A. Birukoff beat J. D'Almeida, R. C. Danenberg beat To Yee-lau.

Positions in the table are:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
J. Grold	2	2	0	0	4
V. Kolchhoff	2	2	0	0	4
A. Kurrik	2	2	0	0	4
Un. Kwai-yung	2	2	0	0	4
A. Birukoff	2	2	0	0	4
R. C. Danenberg	2	2	0	0	4
To Yee-lau	2	2	0	0	4
A. Marston	2	2	0	0	4
J. D'Almeida	2	2	0	0	4
R. C. Gardner	2	2	0	0	4
E. M. Petrov	2	2	0	0	4
E. C. Poupard	2	2	0	0	4
J. Tausz	2	2	0	0	4

Fanling Golf Starting Times

OLD COURSE

8.10 A. J. Dennis, S. J. Lloyd.
8.20 R. G. Parker, J. E. Aldenhead.
8.30 H. A. Mills, R. F. Morris.
8.40 K. S. Robertson, F. A. Redmond.
8.50 J. H. C. Hilditch, J. E. Aldenhead.
9.00 G. T. Harrington, R. H. Davis.
9.10 G. E. Costello, J. W. Clague.
9.20 A. H. Guinness, D. C. Davies.
9.30 J. E. Potter, T. V. N. Fortesque.
9.40 F. H. Greaves, R. Tomlinson.
9.50 M. Pollock, R. A. Campbell.
10.00 T. E. Pearce, F. A. Howard.
10.10 J. W. McKee, C. F. Marshall.
10.20 A. W. Bourne, J. V. Doleay.
10.30 W. W. C. Blawie, A. B. Purves.
10.40 C. B. Burgess, D. MacAllister.
10.50 T. Mendenhall, J. C. Gairdner.
11.00 J. H. Geare, R. C. Gairdner.
11.10 R. Young, C. Taylor.
11.20 R. H. Gulliver, R. Fitchbourne.
11.30 R. de W. Waller, Capt. Fitzbourne.
11.40 W. A. S. Snell, Major Curran.

Year For Snatching Woman's Handbag

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Li Kam, 20, unemployed shop feld, who pleaded guilty to robbing Mrs. Inez Soares, of 38 Stubbs Road, of her handbag on January 5.

The robbery occurred on the steps leading to Mrs. Soares' home. The handbag contained \$2.50 in money, a rosary, two pairs of spectacles (one gold-rimmed), a silver powder compact and a silver pocket watch.

Defendant, in answer to his Lordship, said he stole because he had no food.

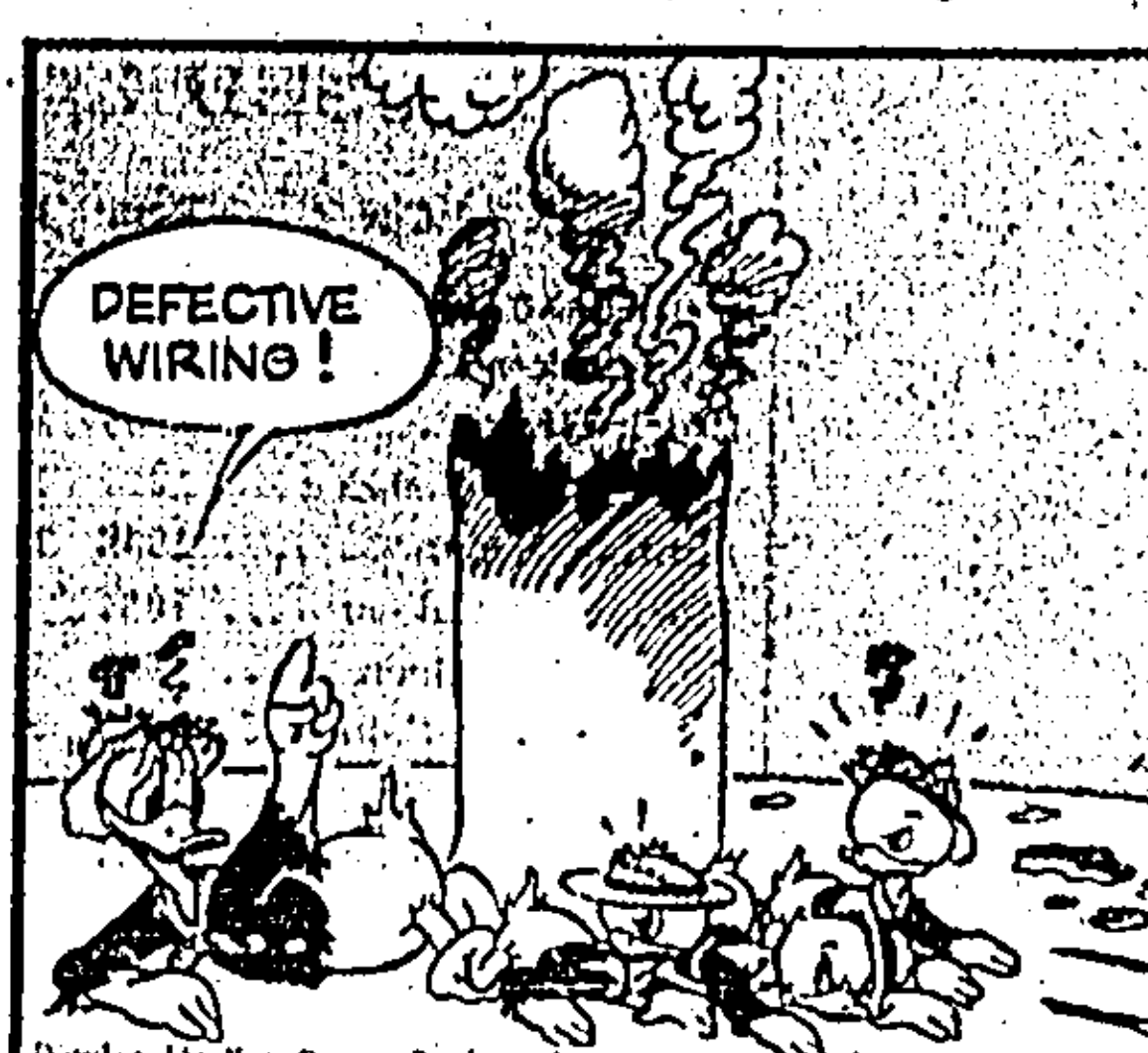
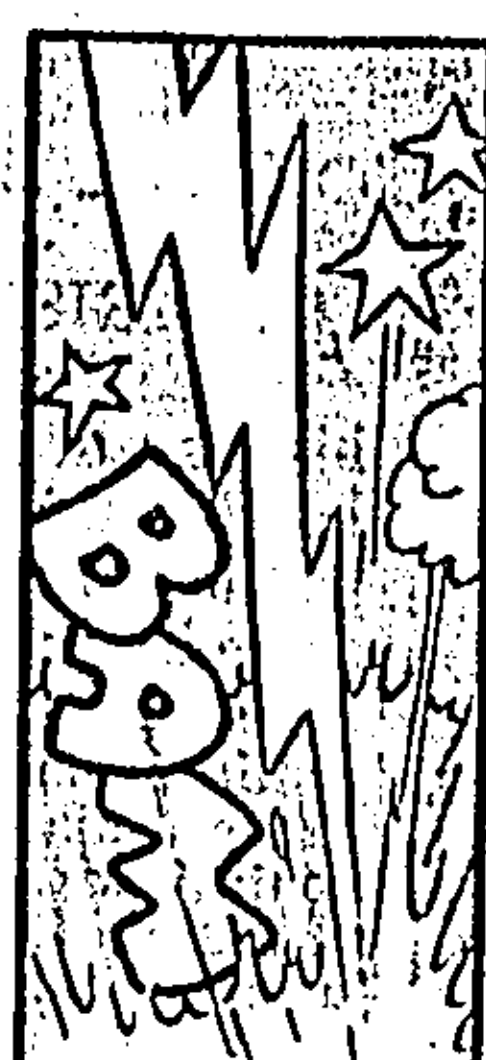
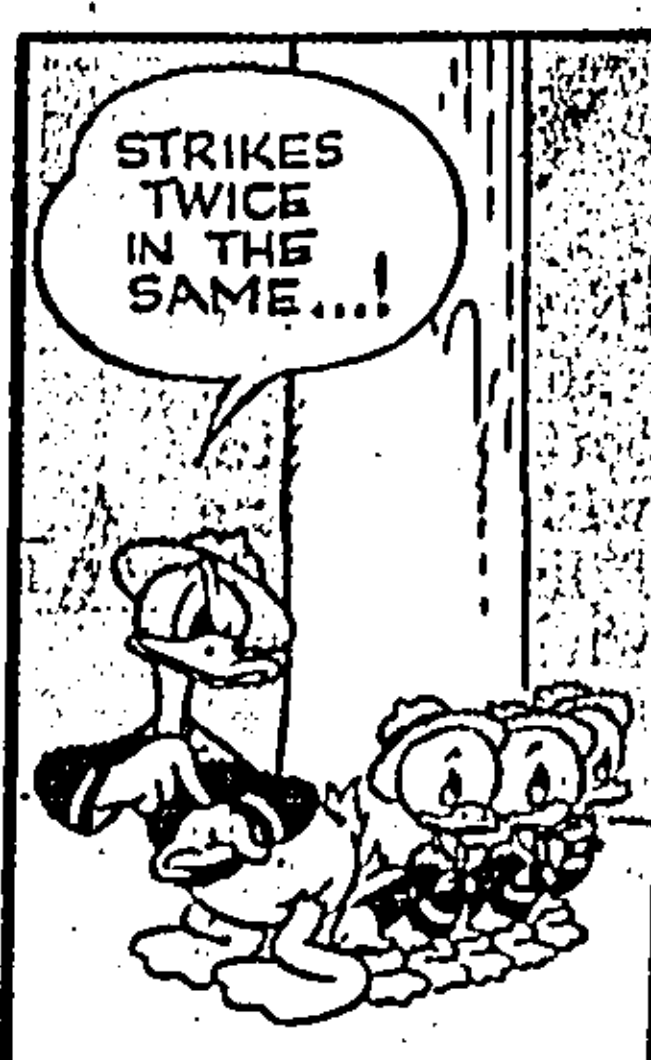
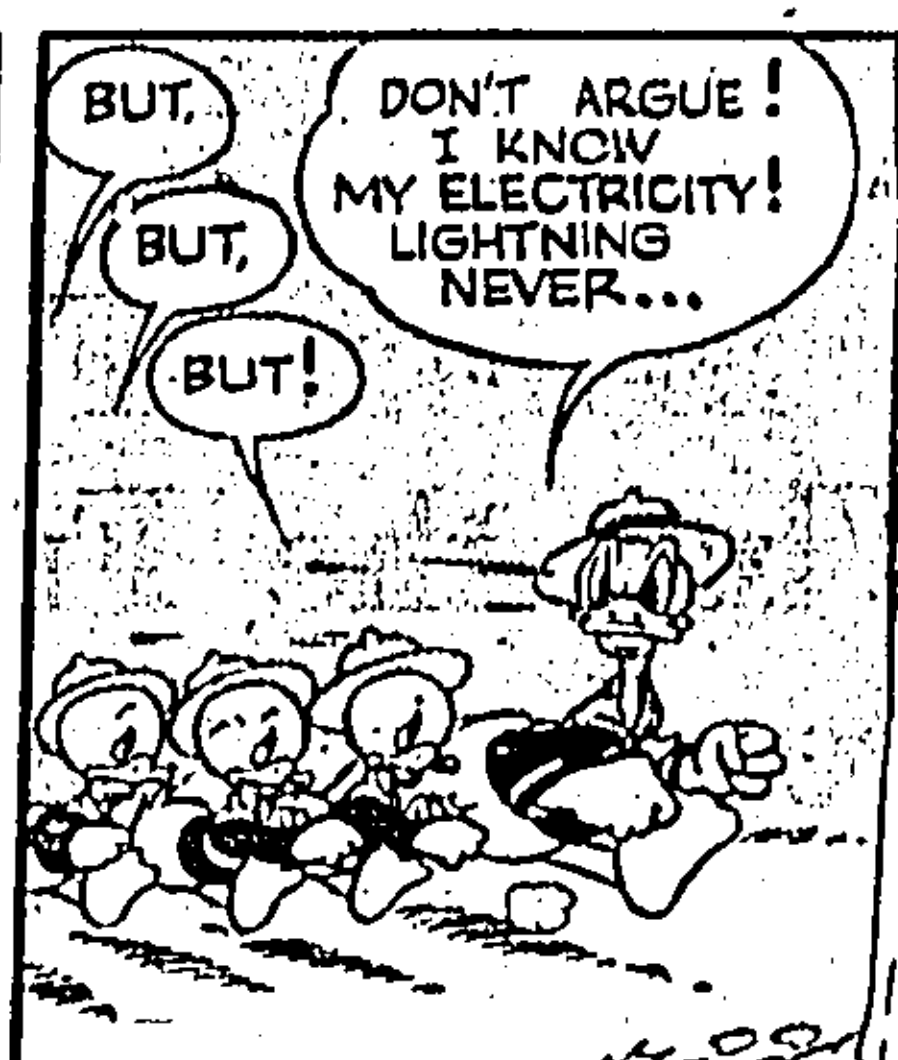
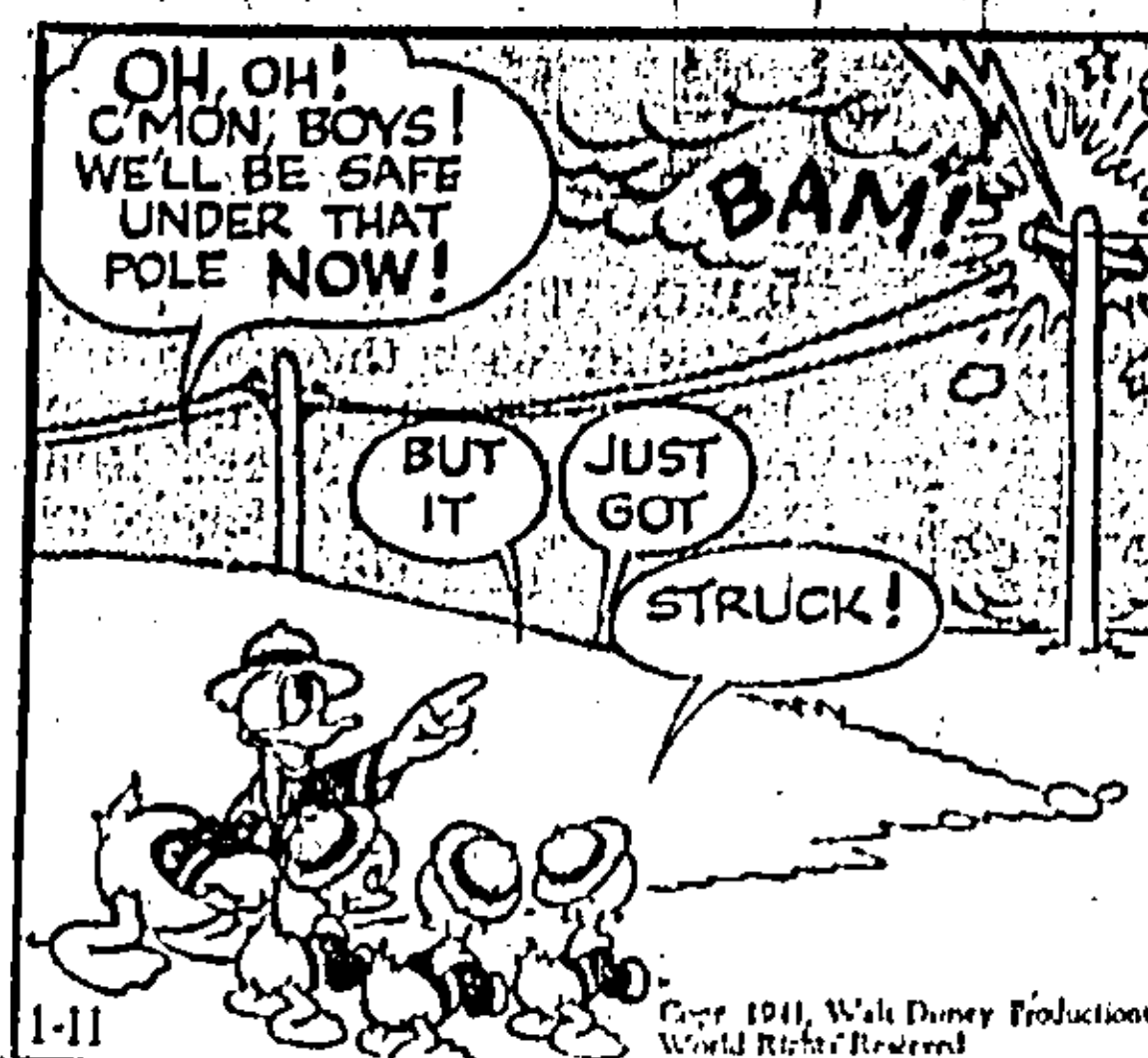
M. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that the watch had been recovered.

Addressing Li, his Lordship said: "The documents before me show that you were penniless at the time of arrest. That is the only thing that can be said for you. Because of that, I won't sentence you to corporal punishment."

Match Cancelled

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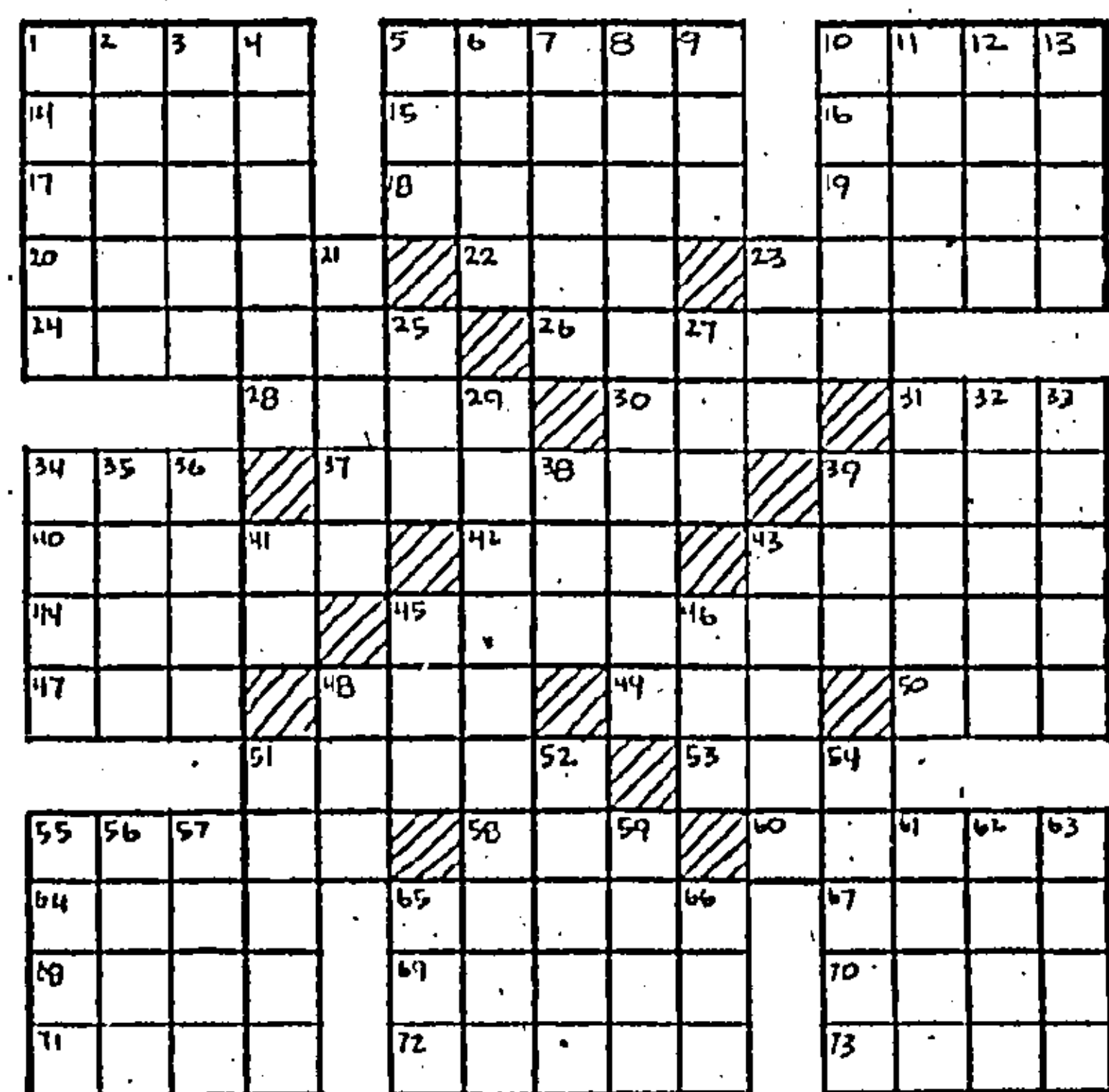
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ACROSS

- Light talk
- Waterway
- Agricultural estate
- Charm
- Express opinion
- Combining form
- Heum
- Pomona (plant)
- Shipper (ship)
- Charm
- Woolly plants
- Blunt
- Regretful
- Circum
- Spring month
- Lucy pinnacles
- Arm-pit
- Purple
- Patience
- Cause
- Thin there
- The devil
- Thin bill
- Aloud
- Clashes of plants
- Yule
- Swiss river
- Novel
- Was unconscious
- Through
- Lost of calyx
- Before
- Reflector
- Slow run
- Runs together
- Decided valley
- Chills and fever

DOWN

- Inner court
- Clear forth
- Unit of speech
- Anty pale
- Water
- Far of corn
- Harred bull
- Charm
- For England
- Confederate general
- Planning
- To sheltered side
- Anger
- Thin plant
- Mail
- Judge at law
- Pin pen
- Whirled
- Thin illness
- Ghost
- Make speech
- Bliss
- Exchange premium
- Bliss
- Branches of learning
- Nine
- Kind of whistle
- Driveway
- Plan
- Cloth measure
- Unsettled
- Fact
- In carried
- Therapy
- Transfer liquid
- New York canal
- Domesticated
- Lamb's pen-name
- Books new
- Altimeter spring
- Descendant



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At Work in Bombed London

THE INDIAN PIONEER CORPS

by D. NATH

of the Indian News Service, at present in London as an observer

The members of the Indian Pioneer Corps are helping to heal the scars of London clearing up the mess left by German bombers.

The Commanding Officer of the Corps has the highest praise for them, and after seeing them at work, I agree.

The Colonel led me to a pile of ruins where his Indian Pioneers were working alongside British troops. The Indians and the British worked as comrades, and in rest periods offered each other cigarettes in cordial friendship.

I remarked to the Colonel on his fluent Urdu. He explained that he was in India for over 29 years. "And," he added, "I'm used to the dhal-roti diet as well."

The Colonel loves his men and is proud of them. He suddenly stopped and said to me: "See that man working on that pneumatic drill over there? When he first came to me, he did not know anything about the machine; to-day he is an expert—knows his job from A to Z."

He took me to see another Indian who was cutting through a huge steel girder with an acetylene lamp.

The worker told me how frightened he had been at first at the sight of the myriad sparks which seemed to fly into his face. Now he considers himself master of his "sparkling machine", as he describes it.

The Pioneer Corps of Indian Unit was first formed in October 1939. The Colonel, who had extensive experience of labour conditions and Pioneer work in the Punjab, thought of the idea of organising the Indian labour in Britain for this work when the war broke out.

The response was instant and splendid. Indian seamen, hawkers, waiters, factory-workers, packers in warehouses, students and university graduates, flocked to enlist in the Corps, and join in the hard work that helps the war effort.

I think it is the most representative Indian organisation I have ever come across. I talked with Sikhs and Moslems from the Punjab and the North-West Frontier; Madrasis from the South; Assamis from the East; Baboos from Bengal; Mathurs from the South; and one from Billoria from Bombay.

They speak different tongues among themselves and

profess different faiths; but in their work and play they are one—united in a common cause.

In various parts of Britain they have worked night and day in clearing the debris, rescuing the injured and extricating the dead buried under the masonry.

"Bombs or no bombs, we go just the same when the call of duty comes," said one of them. He was Kikarajee Bilimoria of Bombay. He used to have a nice job with the millionaire family of the Tatas; now he works with pick and shovel.

The gong sounded for the mid-day meal. I went off with my Indian friends to partake of their fish, bread and tea. They get an hour off for their meal which they enjoy to the full. They take an Indian drum and flute with them, and play after the meal.

Diwan Ali of Mirpur and Abdul Karim of Benares are the life and soul of this unit. Diwan Ali has a rare musical

talent; he dances and sings to the accompaniment of the drum. He used to work in a circus, where he performed acrobatic tricks on a silken cord. He has travelled all over Europe, including Italy and Germany.

"When the war broke out," he said, "I gave up my job; nobody was likely to be interested in my acrobatics when two political acrobats had started their show! I decided to do my bit for my Budashah."

I found that most of them had joined the Corps voluntarily, and I felt proud of it. Sergeant Hopkins entered the room to tell his "boys" to resume work.

He is a genial fellow; his skin tanned by the Indian sun. As the men said goodbye to me, the sergeant said proudly: "They are the best workers I know. They are extremely adaptable, and have a fine sense of duty. I think they are rendering the most valuable service to India and to the Empire, and thus helping to cement the bonds of friendship between our peoples."

CHURCHILL is 'Man of the Year'

Winston Spencer Churchill, British Prime Minister, is named by "Time," the weekly news magazine, as the "Man of the Year" in 1940. This designation is made each year by the editors of the magazine to the man or woman who, in their opinion, has brought about the most dramatic change in the course of history during the previous 12 months.

"The obvious United States candidate for the title was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who got himself elected for an unprecedented third term," the announcement says; "But Franklin Roosevelt's other accomplishments of 1940 were not breath-taking."

"On the score of leadership, Wendell Willkie, although a business man, convinced 22,500,000 voters that he spoke for a vital cause, performed more strikingly. But in the end Willkie did not succeed in leading his crusade to victory."

"Time" magazine editors described Mussolini as "the year's greatest flop," and Joseph Stalin as having "lost several teeth before he chewed off an edge of tough little Finland." Hitler was more successful, they hold.

Many "ifs" were found by them in 1941. Among them was "if Britain still stands at

the end of 1941, Adolf Hitler may be on his way to join the distinguished company of Benito Mussolini, General Gamelin and Almazan and John Llewellyn Lewis—those men of high hopes who failed to come through in the crisis of 1940."

Among the Europeans who "made their mark" in 1940, "Time" magazine editors name the late Premier Metaxas of Greece and Ernest Bevin, who became a power of strength in Britain's movement, who rallied labour in Britain's cause, who became a symbol of the breakdown of class distinction by which Britain achieved a greater unity to fight her battles."

"Yet the curious fact was that in most men's minds everywhere—even in Germany, to judge by Nazi denunciations—Winston Churchill outranked others as the man of 1940, they declared."

"The man-of-the-year Churchill does not stand alone. Beside and behind Churchill stands a very small man multiplied a millionfold, he is just an Englishman."

"To the small man of Britain in 1940 Winston Churchill spoke words that may live as long as Shakespeare's."

"Let us therefore brace ourselves and so bear ourselves that if the British Commonwealth and Empire last for thousand years, men will still say, this was their finest hour."

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BUDGET DEBATE

YESTERDAY'S annual speech day of the Legislative Council produced criticism of some vehemence from the Unofficial members, with special emphasis placed on the administrative shortcomings of the Government. The Colonial Secretary described the speeches as "healthy and helpful criticisms", which was gracious in view of the heavy strictures passed on several of the Administration's departments. More important, the criticisms, most of which were echoes of publicly aired complaints, are to bear immediate results: the machinery of the Immigration Office is to be investigated; the Food Control organisation is already in the process of being overhauled; the firewood problem is being tackled.

The Financial Secretary has already met the Hon. Mr. Lo's complaint about the functions of the Superintendent of Inland Revenue and Estate Commissioner and the alleged harsh administration of the Estate Duty Ordinance, so that, in many instances, the sharp barbs of Unofficial criticism became blunted almost before they were delivered. This factor, however, does not rob the criticisms of their justification nor their timeliness; they were, for the most part, cogent, fair, and intelligent.

The Financial Secretary deprecated the suggestion that he was taking a gloomy attitude in his budget, but his admission that the Colony's reserves were not what they purported to be on paper was hardly joy-provoking. His dismissal of Mr. Li Tse-fong's theory and suggestion concerning use of the financial surplus was a suave piece of argument, but not completely convincing, especially as it was bound up in an offhand reference to the method of administering the Government's Widows and Orphans' Pension Scheme, which has long been a bone of contention.

Mr. Butters sought to justify his refusal to take from reserves to meet budget requirements on the grounds that there was no guarantee that Hongkong would always be as prosperous as it is now—an assumption for which there is little foundation judged in the light of the Colony's history. Hongkong certainly has been subject to booms and depressions, and always will be, though this is not peculiar to Hongkong; but the net result to date has left the Colony in a sound condition. On these grounds Mr. Butters' argument does not impress.

More acceptable is the implied desire to follow the principle laid down by Sir Kingsley Wood—that it is preferable to meet as far as possible extraordinary expenditure such as war effort and defence out of revenue than to resort to borrowing and overdrafts. This principle is acknowledged to be fundamentally

A PARISIAN friend, who has been able to make his way to a port in Britain, has brought with him some particulars of life in Paris as he has known it as recently as last month.

His business connections had brought him in earlier days into contact with the British colony there, and he says that a good many remain in the capital under the Occupation. Every day the ground floor of the United States Embassy—previously occupied by the Immigration Office—is full of British subjects who receive there the financial assistance which the British Government provides through credits in Washington. The amount varies according to circumstances and provides for subsistence on a very modest scale.

British men of military age are interned, partly in camps outside Paris and partly in the Sante prison. All are visited regularly, and those in Paris daily, by United States officials, who take them food.

Fate Of Property

Of the non-interned British—who have to report to the police each day—the majority are French-born wives who did not wish to leave France and who now have gone to live with their relatives. Many of the super-numerary clerks and assistants at the United States Embassy are of British nationality. It is believed that the number of those interned has recently been reduced, and reports agree that the others are being well treated.

Except for chateaux and large villas owned by very wealthy British subjects in the occupied territory, the Germans have not pillaged British property, and the contents of two flats or small houses with a caretaker in charge have been left alone, unless the Germans had some reason to dislike the tenant or he was a Jew.

Property abandoned without a caretaker is, however, often handed over as billets for German families, and articles obtainable in Germany, such as blankets, sheets, clothing, leatherware and the like, are apt to disappear. The chances of survival of the contents of the cellar are also extremely low. Wireless apparatus capable of receiving foreign stations is likely to be overworked if left behind.

The British Embassy has not yet been touched or even entered as the result of the Occupation. It is protected by having been placed under United States care.

At The Smart Shops

Opposite the bar entrance to the Hotel Crillon, now the German headquarters, the fairly conspicuous sign of The "Daily Telegraph" continues to hang outside number 11, Rue Boissy d'Anglas. My friend was unable to say whether the office itself has been visited by the Gestapo. If it has, they will have found little material worth incorporating in a blue-book.

A little further along the street a smart club has been taken over for German civilians, who look oddly out of place there. The personnel changes continually; it is believed to consist of relays of "Strength through Joy" visitors who get cheap trips to Paris.

In the same street the smart shirtmakers are still open, but German officers—who are allowed to wear nufft on certain days in the week—have taken all but the most fanciful designs. The same applies to the leather goods shop at the corner—now sold out with no hope of replacing stocks.

On the opposite corner the world-famed perfume shop still has some stock left, for German women are not encouraged to use cosmetics. Lingerie, however, is in a different category, and one of the strangest sights is that of senior German officers thoughtfully handling dainty

good, and the Colony, as a whole, will not object to its application.

The debate produced much absorbing data, intelligent and constructive criticism, and interesting revelations; wherefore the public has reason to feel appreciative of the contributions to the discussion, made both by the Unofficial members and the Government spokesmen.

IN PARIS NOW

How Britons Fare And What the French Are Learning

By E. B. WAREING

lately chief of the Paris Staff
of the "Daily Telegraph"

generals and heads of the Gestapo, due to the absence of tapo. No Italian soldiers, by petrol. the way, are to be seen in Paris.

Renault Workers

The sack of Paris goes on. Useless paper marks—unacceptable even in Germany itself—are handed over in exchange for the loot. Many shops are already closed. Even a German woman—and they are legion in Paris—can now only buy one pair of silk stockings, if she is lucky enough to find them.

There is no fraternising between the Germans and the Parisians. Germans are still studiously correct in their behaviour. Their attitude is that the French are beaten, harmless creatures who will in time become amenable. It is a clever line to take, as some examples show.

Thus, the workers in Renault's factory, now engaged in turning out lorries for the German army, have to work 60 hours a week, as though they were in Germany, instead of 40. Their pay, however, has been more than proportionately raised and since its purchasing power, for what little there is to purchase, is much the same, they do not grumble. Again, a garage hand, whom my friend occasionally saw, though he had of course to give up his car, was earning more money working for the Germans, who have unrestricted petrol and make "joy rides" wherever they like.

Francs But No Funds

These people do not realise that there is no backing whatever for the money which the Bank of France is obliged to change into francs, and the approach of the financial Nemesis is slow and unseen. Moreover, they are gradually accepting restrictions which they would never have accepted from a French Government. The sight of a well-fed, well-equipped, disciplined army in their midst has had a hypnotic effect. Their wives, obliged to queue up for every necessity, are less philosophic about things, and it is from the woman's side that bitterness will come first.

Outwardly most of the restaurants and cafes look the same. Some have been requisitioned. The Tavernier d'Alsace in the Champs Elysees is now labelled Soldatenheim (Soldiers' Home), and no civilian may enter. Others, such as Fouquet's and the Cafe Marignane, are open to all, and but for the German uniforms, show little external change, for most Parisiennes had hoarded clothes, and the lack of new ones is not yet felt.

Menus, however, are much depleted, even on Sunday—the only day when in theory no restrictions apply. The famous restaurants, such as Maxime or Larue, now only offer a choice of three dishes, and every customer has to hand over four different coupons—for meat, fat, bread, macaroni or cheese—in exchange for trifling portions. Meat, for example, is restricted to just under 1/2oz a day, three days a week.

The Germans also have coupons, but on a different scale, and provided by their own authorities. There is no coffee, the so-called "cafe national" being a substitute, and no milk. The Germans drink beer, which

B.B.C. They compare its news carefully with the spate of new French-language newspapers started by Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's agent in Paris, which have to be read because they give news of police regulations, food restrictions and the like.

The art of listening is a complicated one and requires a good deal of exchange of information with neighbours as to which particular wave-length is least jammed at a given time, when Mr Churchill or Gen. de Gaulle is to speak personally, and so forth.

"Tas De Blagues"

The opinion is expressed that the B.B.C. in its French programmes should deal more specifically with the Radio-Paris German controlled news than it does at present. For instance, when Radio-Paris and the Paris Press state that half London is burning and the B.B.C. reports that "a number of fires were started," the B.B.C. may at first be regarded as confirming the worst reports, and some despondency ensues. Nevertheless, there is a considerable scepticism.

Noting that the Germans read the Tageblatt, Parisians have invented a word for the German-inspired Paris Press. They call it the "Tas de blagues," which sounds much the same but means "A lot of nonsense."

The people of Paris are brave about listening to the B.B.C., for the most part been taken by the Germans, who also intercept fresh produce and meat, which would otherwise come into the markets. The black-out—once a very easy-going form of "blue-out," since all lamps were painted blue—is now strictly enforced, and the last metro (underground) train departs an hour before curfew (11 p.m.). There are no buses, except for a very few running on wood-fuel. Parisians therefore stay at home at night and listen to the British successes.

Rear Admiral Yates Stirling Jnr, United Press Naval Critic, Examines The Mediterranean Situation Is An AXIS PUSH IMMINENT?

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—Britain, for the moment, has the upper hand in the great campaign for control of the Mediterranean. How long she can maintain this advantage, however, is a question.

Reports are current that Berlin is still seeking Russian assent to a "peaceful" German occupation of Bulgaria which would open the way for a drive on Greece from the north, the object of which would be to obtain control of Salonika and, from that base, all of Greece and the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea.

Should this prove successful, and the British be driven from their only foothold on the mainland of Europe, the German air force then would be in position to sweep the eastern Mediterranean and launch heavy attacks on the British naval base at Alexandria and even on Cairo.

The British, of course, realise the danger which confronts them and one may take it for granted that they are putting up the greatest possible diplomatic resistance in Sofia, Moscow and Ankara.

Bulgaria always has been close to Russia, and Turkey has had the closest of relations with the U.S.S.R. in recent years. Neither of these states, hence, would be likely to permit German control of Greece and the Aegean without asking Moscow for advice.

From a naval viewpoint the British Fleet probably would be able to defend itself in the Mediterranean, even if deprived of its Greek bases, but whether it could defend itself against overwhelming German air superiority is another question.

A glance at the map will show the possibility for air action which they controlled Greece and the Aegean islands, in addition to Italy with her island bases, including the Dodecanese group off the coast of Turkey.

A number of factors would appear to favour the reported German plan for occupation of Bulgaria and a joint attack with Italy on Greece.

1. The fall of Benghazi in Italian Libya, coupled with Greek successes in Albania, has brought Italian military prestige to an all-time low during the present war. Germany, as Italy's partner, hardly can let these reverses go farther. There is too much danger that Italy might sue for a separate peace with the British.

2. A vigorous German thrust towards the Mediterranean might force the British to withdraw planes and ships needed for the defence of Britain, and thus improve German chances for the long-desired invasion of Britain.

3. United States assistance to Britain daily is becoming more effective. The Germans need to move fast, and may be prepared to take desperate chances in an effort to achieve a knock-out before American support of the British makes a German victory impossible.

The British, however, will prove no push-over, in my judgment, if the German plans unfold as outlined above. Their victories in North Africa and Greece to date have demonstrated their ability to coordinate the use of all classes of arms—mechanised land forces, the navy and the air force—and to maintain sustained offensives.

They are solidly entrenched in both Greece and Africa and have the advantage of the initiative and the strong morale which goes with a series of victories.

Many of the troops in use on both the Greek and North African fronts are Australians and New Zealanders who have been proved to be among the finest soldiers in the world.

The British lines of supply, while long, was well-organised and, so far, have functioned smoothly.

The Greek army, too, probably could be depended upon to give a good account of itself. The Greeks the fighting in driving Italian invaders from their homeland and carrying the war into Italian-controlled territory. There is no reason to believe they would prove less brave against the Germans than they have against the Italians, for they would know they were fighting for their homes and they would have the advantage of defending a terrain with which they are intimately familiar.

IMPORTANT ADVANCES BY BRITISH TROOPS IN ETHIOPIA & JUBALAND

Special to the "Telegraph"

NAIROBI, Feb. 20. (UP).—South African British forces have captured the important Southern Ethiopian town of Mega, 55 miles northwest of Moyale, thus beginning a new British penetration on Ethiopia's southern front. The announcement said that the British "had captured more than 600 prisoners, the majority of whom are Europeans," as well as many guns and machine-guns.

Mega is east of the Lake Stefani area in which Empire forces have already penetrated to a depth of at least 50 miles. Mega is 30 miles inside the Ethiopia-Kenya border.

Juba River is Crossed

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Imperial troops have successfully crossed the Juba River and are driving off enemy counter-attacks.

The communique adds that operations in this area are developing well.

On other fronts there is no change in the situation.

Cunningham's Message

With the East African Force on the Juba River, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—A striking order of the day was issued by Lieut-Gen. A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding the East African Imperial Force on the eve of the successful Jubaland operations.

"Hit them, hit them hard and hit them again," said the General and the troops took the exhortation to heart. Following the capture last Friday by the South African Infantry of an important Italian post and aerodrome at the mouth of the Juba river, nine miles from Kismayu, the enemy is now virtually expelled from Jubaland.

Lieut-Gen. Cunningham in his order said "the victory of the Imperial troops further with pride filled us in East Africa with pride and excited thought. No doubt the ensuing period has been a strong desire to emulate their achievement. The chance is now here. This force is no whit behind in courage and endurance. Confident in this, I send to the South African and West African troops participating in the operations a message of good luck."

German Apologies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Somewhat belatedly the German official news agency is now endeavouring to give a more flattering picture of Italian resistance in Libya.

The agency says that according to information gathered from British prisoners captured in North Africa, Italian guns at Bardia had a "murderous effect on the enemy."

It adds that of over 2,000 British attackers, only about 100 came through unscathed and the remainder were mown down by shrapnel or decimated by Italian machine-guns.

Wounded natives, says the agency, are now being cared for in Egypt and thousands of wounded Australians have been sent to Palestine where all the hospitals are already crowded out.

ERSATZ COFFEE

Nazis Use Dutch Bulbs

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Tulip coffee is the latest Nazi ersatz specialty.

According to "Frii Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, Dutch bulb-growers are exceedingly busy because the Germans are using about 5,000 tons of bulbs to make "coffee" for Dutch consumption.

The bulbs, with the exception of hyacinths and narcissi, which apparently have a poisonous content, are cut in small pieces, roasted to the correct colour, chicory is added and it is found that a further addition of a small quantity of pure coffee makes the concoction taste better.

INDIAN DEFENCE

Protected Places Named

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The "Gazette" has declared oil depots, water-works, dams and electric power stations in certain district headquarters and elsewhere throughout Bombay Province "protected places" under the Defence Regulations as a special precaution.

Australia To Build Merchantmen

MELBOURNE, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Federal Government is shortly appointing a commission to arrange for a substantial shipbuilding programme for merchant shipping. A sum £6,000,000 has already been allocated for this purpose.

INDO-CHINA

Rubber Exports To Be Controlled

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Governor-General of Indo-China, Admiral Decoux, has issued regulations controlling the export of rubber, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

Under the new regulations the Governor-General will establish a Rubber Exporting Administration in which representatives of the four largest rubber plantations and the Government will take part, and all rubber exports will be made through this administration, the report declares.

The four largest plantations will sell rubber direct to this administration, while small plantations will be required to sell through commissionaires to this organ, it is added.

Salvage of Peace?
TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun" has charged that the United States and Indo-China are making a joint effort to throw a "defence line" against Japan's economic advance before the Indo-China-Thailand negotiations in Tokyo attain results.

The paper says that Indo-China's objectives—to obtain a monopoly for French firms and Anglo-American investors and more intimate relations with the United States—are also considered "Anglo-American efforts to drive a political and economic wedge into Indo-China."

The "Asahi" says that the Japanese Government is sternly watching "such Indo-China machinations."

American School In Tokyo Closing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 20 (UP).—It is understood that Tokyo's American School is terminating 40 years of activities in June, when the term ends.

The present enrolment is 76, of which ten are Americans, contrasting with a normal 200.

The American School is the last of the British and American schools throughout Japan.

Shanghai Warned Of Danger of Anarchy

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 20 (UP).—Mr E. T. Nash, recently retired Deputy Secretary and Press Officer of the Municipal Council, to-day warned that unless the authorities at Shanghai divorce local politics from nationalistic aims, only a miracle can save Shanghai from "anarchy" and "total war."

Mr Nash asserted, "I am calling for the United States after 25 years of service and I have issued in a purely private capacity an 11-page treatise 'The Need for Reform in the International Settlements in Shanghai,' in which I have urged reform to increase the Chinese and Japanese influence in Municipal Council affairs and have warned the city not to ignore the 'danger signals.'"

Exiled Diplomats' Status

Full Standing in Britain

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"We have here in London a miniature Europe and we wish consequently to adjust the law of our country to meet the international character of our capital," declared Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in moving the second reading of the Diplomatic Privileges Bill in the House of Commons to-day.

The Bill proposes, said Mr Butler, to confer a position corresponding to that of Members of the Diplomatic Corps upon the members and senior officials of the Allied Governments of Poland, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government as well as the leaders and senior officials of the Free French Movement established in this country.

Agreed List
The British and other governments will agree upon the names of the individuals affected and a list will be published in the "London Gazette." Mr Butler added that the protection accorded to diplomatic envoys to the Court of St James's should be extended to diplomats accredited to the Allied Government at present established in Britain. Mr Butler said that London was the focus of a free Europe and the Bill would make this country a real home of freedom for those determined representatives of national resistance.

The Bill was passed on the second reading.

Mr B. C. Field of No. 3 Flat, No. 8 The Peak, has reported that somebody entered his flat through the front door yesterday afternoon and removed a chiming clock valued at \$100.

Luftwaffe Attack

Tragic Scenes In Hospital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Luftwaffe heavily attacked South Wales to-night throwing the main weight of the assault against one town.

A steady stream of raiders started flying over soon after midnight and were met with intense anti-aircraft gunfire.

Large numbers of incendiary bombs and some heavy explosives were showered on the town.

People Killed In Hospital

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Twenty-two persons, mostly patients, were killed and 52 severely injured when a high explosive bomb wrecked a west London County Council Hospital last night.

Eye witnesses said that the bomb crashed through the roof. Half the floors crashed in a great tangle of woodwork and masonry, but half of the building remained in position like large shelves.

U. S. Planes For Pacific Fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—An "optimistic picture," according to members of the Committee, was given by General George Marshall, United States Chief of Staff, discussing the general situation in regard to national defence and aid for Britain at a secret session of the Senate Military Affairs Committee to-day.

According to one report, General Marshall told the Committee that the United States intends to reinforce the Pacific Fleet immediately with an unspecified number of the latest types of warplanes.

He described the situation in the

Stirring Success of British Arm in North Africa Told

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"The most romantic fraternity in arms that this world has ever witnessed" was the description given to-day by Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, to the British forces in the Middle East and Africa fighting over a front extending for 2,500 miles.

Lord Croft was speaking at a luncheon given by the Overseas League to the Empire press correspondents in Britain.

"May I remind you," he said, "that it was a mixed force of British and Indian troops who struck the first fateful blow at Sidi Barrani; that at Bardia and Tobruk it was the Imperial Australian force who had pride of place along with the Royal Armoured Corps; and while the Armoured Corps, in its amazing forced march, routed the defenders of Benghazi from their base, the Australians swept along by the coast road and completed the job."

"In this army are British guardsmen and riflemen and numerous units of the line—English, Highlanders and Welsh."

The New Zealanders are there and famous British cavalry regiments have added lustre to their great records of the past by showing themselves past masters of a war of speed.

Cypriots There

"British artillery, engineers and the Royal Army Service Corps are there and the latter have been aided in the supply service by Cypriots who, for the first time, fight on the British side."

"South-east to Eritrea you find in the extreme north British troops advancing near the coast and threatening the Italian right flank. A hundred miles southward, British and Indian troops have made dramatic advances to the Sudan, capturing Kassala, Biscia and Agordat, and attacking the immensely strong position of Keren."

"Further south, the British and Indian troops have captured Barentu and are still advancing."

"This is the real 'New Order'—a comradeship so closely united that it marches steadily through the valley of death so that the British Empire and civilisation as a whole may survive and triumph over the foul and evil thing which seeks to destroy the soul of man."



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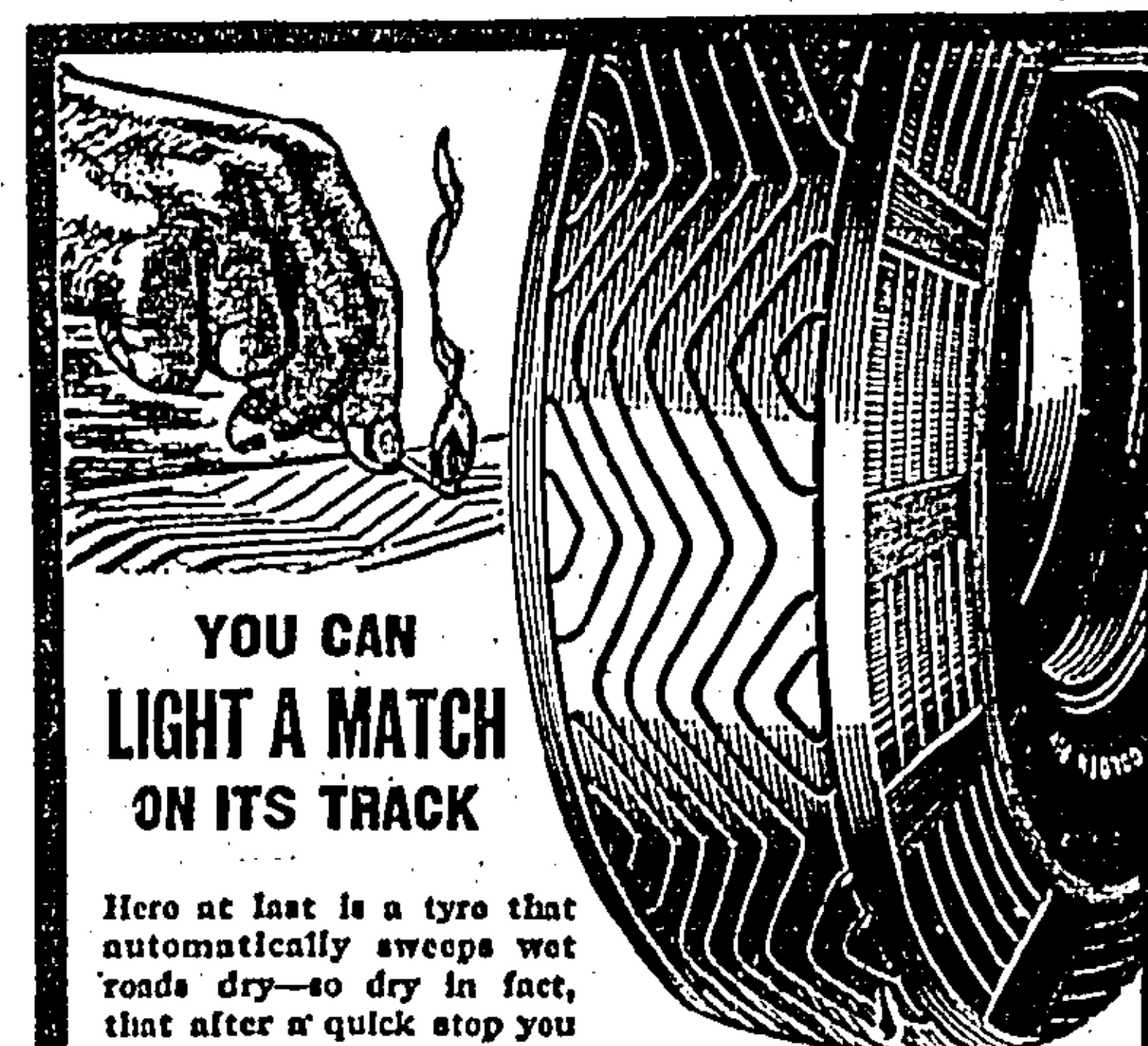
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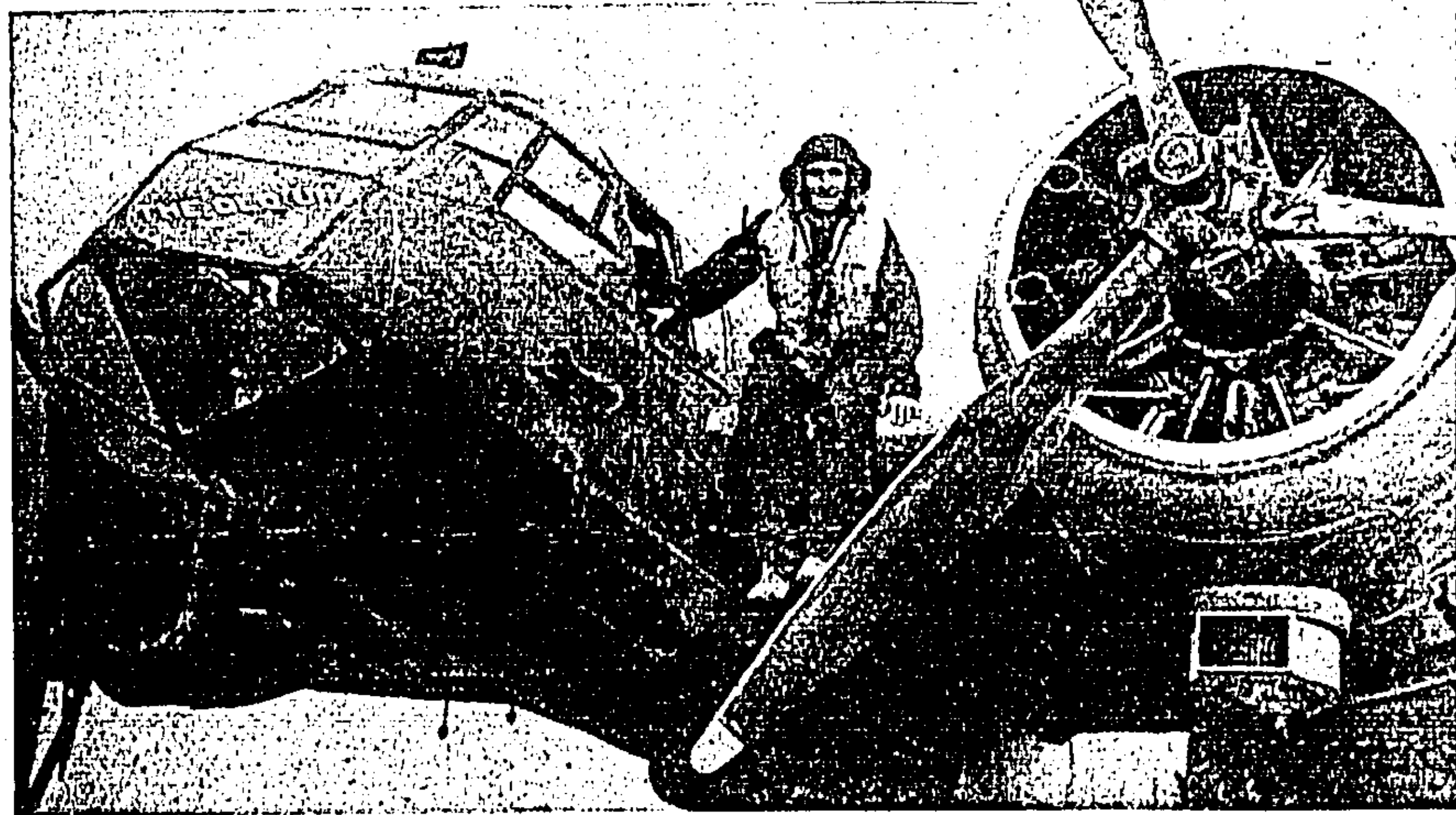
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Incidents Of The First Two Days

Two Ponies Destroyed: Five Jockeys Injured: Dismal Forecast For To-morrow

CERTAINLY IT WAS WISE on the part of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to postpone the Third Day of the Annual Race Meeting (which was scheduled for last Wednesday) until to-morrow on account of the heavy showers, and the Fourth Day's programme is to be contested on Monday.

As I write, the forecast by the Royal Observatory is not very encouraging and it seems to me that there are no prospects of clearing the heavy clouds. We are now in the foggy season, but it is sincerely hoped that we shall have bright sunny days for the rest of the Carnival because we cannot afford to have any more jockeys on the injured list.

The weather clerk was in a certain measure responsible for sending two Australian ponies (Jungle Princess and Melody Star) to the happy hunting grounds, but that was not all the damage. The grass track was almost like a paddy field with incessant downpour after the running of the Hongkong Derby, and it will cost some money to return the course.

Mr D. G. Woo was the first rider to get "a nasty end" in the Coral Handicap, and Mr S. W. Tang came to grief in the Australian Valley Stakes.

In the last event, Wallow Handicap, run on Tuesday, Lt.-Com-

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The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, the men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

O. B. BROWN,

Secretary,
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Nazi Gaolers Beaten 27-0

By Aston Villa!

At a German prison camp, members of a black-uniformed SS guard regiment challenged the British prisoners to a game of soccer. Eleven Britons promptly volunteered to play.

With the score 27-0 in favour of the British, the Nazis stopped the game, and later discovered that the Britons were the complete second-string team of Birmingham's top-ranking Aston Villa F.C.

The team had enlisted as a body and had been captured intact at Dunkirk.

mander D. H. S. Craven and Mr. Peter Wei were both badly bumped off; the former is now in the Royal Naval Hospital with a dislocated shoulder while Mr. Wei is in the Hongkong Sanatorium with a bad face.

In the Sydney Maiden Stakes (second section), which was the fifth event of the First Day, Mr. H. Holden on A Surprising Time was so badly kicked by a pony that he was not seen in the saddle after that incident.

Not only is the absence of these five class jockeys badly felt by the owners, but the postponement has undoubtedly thrown the trainers' plans out of gear.

Leading Jockey

BY the way, Mr. "Vic" Needa heads the list of most successful jockeys with four wins and then comes Mr. C. Moller with three successes. Under the category of a couple the honour is shared by Messrs W. H. S. Davis, H. J. A. Hearne, S. C. Liang and H. C. Pih, but the champion jockey Mr. D. Black has not as yet crossed the wire first.

Basketball

EXHIBITION MATCH

U.S. Tourists Play To-morrow

THE 20TH CENTURY Fox Film Basketball team, fresh from a successful tour of the Philippine Islands are due to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow morning.

They are scheduled to play in the evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Bridges St against an all-star Hongkong quintette, composed of the leading players now in the Colony from Shanghai and Canton, as well as the local stars.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund. A programme of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors during their short stay here.

The visiting Californians, who won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, are all former American College Stars and are considered to be standard exponents of the cage game.

Lecture

A LECTURE on the intricacies of modern basketball will be given by Capt. Knowles, who was a member of the American Olympic team that won the world's title at Berlin in 1936, and one or two other members of the team at the Chinese

Charlesber Disappoints In Hongkong Derby

GENERALLY SPEAKING Hongkong owners must feel proud that the last Hongkong Derby for China ponies has not gone to Shanghai, though Mr Eric Moller made a strong bid to capture the Blue Riband with two starters.

After the success of Oolong in the Maiden Stakes over six furlongs, it was a foregone conclusion that Mr T. K. Li's candidate would run away with the classic event and Mr Needa, as usual, timed his mount to a nicely beating Velvetlight and Lovelylight in 3.02 flat for 1½ miles.

The running of Charlesber in the rear of the first three placed ponies in the Hongkong Derby was a great disappointment to a galaxy of rail birds, and I have reason to believe that the failure was short of a gallop.

Quandary

THE stallion was only nominated for the Trial Plate to be run on the first day, but when the postponement came owing to the inclement weather, Mr Bradbury was left in a quandary.

A "dress rehearsal" of 1¼ miles on the eve of the Hongkong Derby on a soft going was no doubt a tough proposition, and the owner had no alternative but to weigh out for the long distance test without a first public appearance.

Had the original programme been carried out, Charlesber would have had a nice rest on the seventh day of the week and would have entered the arena well tuned for the big fight on Monday.

As a big owner, Mr Bradbury could have afforded an additional entry to his candidate for the Maiden Stakes over six furlongs.

"Y" Hockey XI

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. first and second elevens at Hockey to-morrow against the Nomads and the Tulsa, respectively, on the "Y" ground:
1st XI, at 4.15 p.m.—Benwell, Taylor and Yau, Jordan, Combe, and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Olsen and Dunne.
2nd XI, at 5 p.m.—Clegg, Ballion and Whitburn; Smith, Gorman and Spence; Macey, Olson, Dormer, Fancey and Banks.

Prospects For The Rooty-Hill Derby

Spirited Competition

TO-MORROW, the most important event on the card is the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup confined to Australian Subscription griffins of this season and the jaunt is over 1½ miles.

Lee Lan-sang's Confidence Justified

ANNEXING The Austral Derby with his Distant View, Mr Li Lan-sang came into prominence. He purchased the progeny of Farr for \$8,000, and has become the first to win the classic event for imported griffins by the Race Club.

Whether it was through sentiment that he bought the pony due to the success of Far View who won an aggregate sum of \$7,923 during last season, I do not know, but the owner was certainly justified in the confidence he placed only in the pedigree.

However, the Austral Derby does not require much description, for Distant View jumped to the front at the release of the tape and was never headed again. Perhaps, the severest blow to owners was the easy win by "many lengths," and the jockey Mr Pih had an arm-chair ride.

The two successes in the Austral Maiden Stakes (first prize \$1,750) and the Blue Riband valued \$3,500 have given the owner a total income of \$5,250.

There is good reason to say that Distant View will have a go at the Australian Ponies Champions (Winner \$3,500) and Sapper will have to be at his best to turn the scales.

Notable Victory

MANHATTAN scored a notable victory in the Australian Valley Stakes over a mile in 1.48. The pony is good, but I think he cannot last the distance. If Manhattan wins, I shall be the first to raise my bowler hat.

Dutch Treat just managed to snatch a victory from Black Seal in the Garrison Cup over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in, and it was a good performance.

This brown by Graculus, who sired Amicus Curiae the winner of Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles, did not have much training owing to the fact that he was on the sick list during December.

There is no doubt that the pony has come on quickly, and I would recommend Dutch Treat for big money.

Santa Anita did not have very strong opposition in the Lusitano Cup over 1¼ miles, and the chestnut won as he liked. He must be considered among the first three placed ponies in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Football Teams

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club against Kowloon Football Club in League Football matches to-morrow:
1st XI, (at Kowloon)—J. Odeli; H. Millington and Upton; J. Skinner, Farrow and Davis; Foulard, Bond, F. Fowler, Scott and Rietzen.
2nd XI, (at Caroline Hill)—Marvin; Kennard and Sloan; A. Odeli; Gray and Carr; Haynes, Roscoe, Lodge, Morrison and Gratton.

The following will represent International A.C. against Royal Navy in the Junior Shield on Sunday at Causeway Bay at 2.45 p.m.:
Mark Yung; Li, Marquess and N. Deland; W. Wilkinson, Heath and F. J. Elm; H. Campos, F. W. Iley, R. Rocha, N. Body, W. Sprinkle, Rescove, L. L. Rocha, J. Tavares and J. Gough.

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Greeks Appeal To Athletic World

Protest Against Italy

The magnificent stand by the Greeks in their present campaign against the Italian legions in Albania has an interesting sequel in a world-wide protest against this unjust attack by a great Power against a smaller nation, in the form of an appeal to sportsmen to propagate Greece's cause for liberty and honour, which was received in Hongkong by Dr C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington and a member of the International Olympic Committee.

The appeal is from John Ketsens, Hon. Secretary of the Greek Olympic Committee, which is under the presidency of H.R.H. Crown Prince Paul, and is addressed to the National Olympic Games Committee and to athletes of the world. It reads:

A month ago, a meeting of the Greek Olympic Games Committee had been convened for the afternoon of October 28, 1940. The subject for discussion was to have been the International Olympic idea, particularly the possibility of celebrating the proper three, classical Olympic games and the foundation of an International Olympic Academy.

This meeting was never held; for at 3 a.m. that day, Italy delivered to Greece her ultimatum, demanding, in substance, the surrender of Greece to Italy under the threat of armed invasion and occupation.

Insulting Challenge

To this insulting challenge the leaders of the Greek nation answered with a laconic "no."

The Greek people as one man took up this "no," and it has become the slogan of our struggle. Events are showing that this "no" of Greece is not an empty word but expresses her unshakable decision to defend her liberty and her honour with all her power. We need not elaborate on this, the events speak for themselves.

When, 2,500 years ago, our ancestors, the ancient Greeks, also answered "no" to the Persian invader, they carried on their noble and heroic struggle, and following in their footsteps, the modern Olympic Games Committee met on November 22, 1940, with the leaders of all the athletic organisations of Greece to discuss how best to continue the athletic life of the country under the new war conditions.

Unjust Attack

The Committee decided to communicate with you, the members of the world-wide athletic family, to protest against the unjust and sudden attack of a great Power against a small one, in addressing ourselves to colleagues who, as sportsmen, have a true appreciation of honourable and chivalrous competition, of fair play, we feel sure that we shall find in you a sympathetic understanding and sympathy.

We had done nothing to provoke this war. But once aroused, we have accepted it unhesitatingly and will prosecute it to the end. Greece is not fighting for imperialistic or material aims. She is fighting for her liberty, for her honour, for the obligation imposed on her by the 3,000 years of her history.

The finest expression of the ancient Greek athletic ideal is perhaps found in the sayings: "To excel at-

Cricket Teams Selected

The friendly junior cricket match between Club de Recoelo and Hongkong Cricket Club, originally arranged for King's Park, will now be played at Chater Road.

The following will represent Club "A":
H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, J. P. Carey, W. C. Finkle, J. L. Baker, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Pudney and D. S. Robb.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. second team in their League Cricket match against University at Pokfulam to-morrow at 2 p.m.:
A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, S. Leonard, J. W. Leonard, A. B. Hanson, E. A. Lee, A. Hung, U. H. Esmail, T. Lock, C. W. Lam and W. K. Way. Reserves: C. M. Omar and L. Choa.

ways," and "One omen is best, to fight for one's country." It is for exactly this ideal that Greece is fighting today.

We are confident that every true sports-lover will feel his heart beat with ours, will feel himself at this time so much a Greek that our joy will be his joy and our suffering his suffering. And we address ourselves to you, athletes of all the world, who are prepared by your athletic training to appreciate the quality of the uneven fight which Greece is waging, a fight made finer by its very unevenness. From you we ask your moral help in this difficult competition now entered by our country, which is, after all, your country too, for we athletes have all one common mother-land—Olympia.

We call upon you for a campaign of propaganda, to spread as widely as possible in your circles your conviction that Greece is now standing as defender of the ideals of liberty and honour, and a world-wide intellectual referendum condemns the principle of the rule of material force.

Dr. Wang's Reply

Dr. C. T. Wang, who attended the Berlin Olympiad as China's representative on the International Olympic Committee, has replied to Mr Ketsens as follows:

I hasten to express to you the admiration our people in general and our athletes in particular for the bravery and patriotism of your people. The heroic stand you have taken and the great successes you have achieved speak louder than words. We in China, have been fighting resolutely for three-and-a-half years for exactly the same things you have been fighting for, namely for honour and for liberty.

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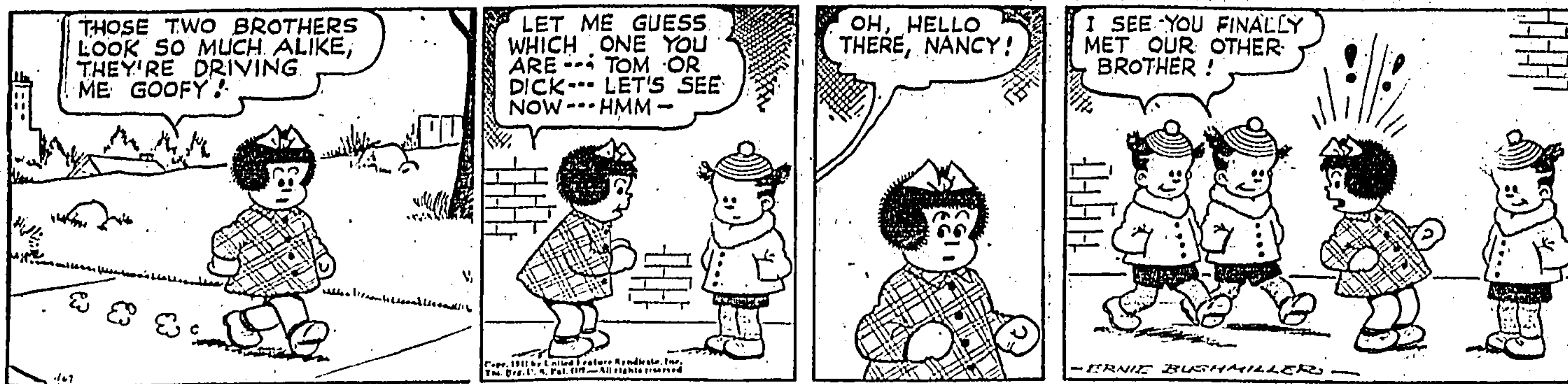
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Britain Will Never Be Beaten—Menzies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"I am delighted to come to England and to say to the people of England on behalf of the people of Australia that we are on your side and that you will never be beaten while there are any of us above the surface," declared Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, to-day.

The principal purpose of his coming was to discuss with the British Government matters of common interest in war co-operation.

Referring to his visit to the Middle East, he said that he had covered a range of country from Jerusalem to Benghazi and altogether flew about 3,500 miles in the Middle East which was some indication how fast the Australian forces were travelling.

He found them all in tremendous fettle. They regarded their operations against the Italians in the nature of a preliminary campaign. What they wanted to do was to have a go at the Germans.

Mr Menzies paid tribute to the way in which the people of Britain had taken air attacks and said that he brought from Australia "a belief in victory and a definite assurance that so long as Australia has any resources of any description, Great Britain will not stand alone in this war."

Tell The Truth

He wanted to be able to witness at first hand what was going on in Britain so that he could return to Australia and help to create a vivid impression of the truth in Great Britain. He was "sure that the more clearly the truth was understood the greater would be the stimulus to Australia's own war effort."

Mr Menzies added that there was no doubt that Britain would win but she could not win completely unless they all produced the maximum all-round effort.

HALIFAX TALK POSTPONED

Detained in Capital

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, has had to postpone his tentative engagement to speak at a Pilgrim Society function to-day as he cannot leave Washington at present.

Great interest was taken in the earlier announcement that the British Ambassador might speak as it was thought that he might deal with Britain's war and peace aims in greater detail than had been done to date.

To-day's was to have been his first big speech in America.

Manchukuo—Ship Telephone Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—USINKING, Feb. 20 (Domel).—The Manchukuo Telephone and Telegraph Company, which has been conducting experiments in establishing telephonic communication between ocean liners on the Japan-Manchukuo service since last summer, will open its service as from April.

For the present, conversations from ships at sea will be limited to Dairen only, but later the service will be extended to include Hsinking and other cities. Hitherto there have been no such ship to land telephone facilities on the Japan-Manchukuo line.

KONOYE'S ILLNESS

Diet Crisis Is Averted

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Domel).—Threatening for a while to develop into a serious political issue, the National Service Association debate will be settled on Friday as the Lower House Budget Committee, following an informal meeting this morning, has agreed to accept the Home Minister, Baron Kichiro Hirayama's reply and also to refrain from appointing an acting Premier in the absence of the Premier, Prince Konoze, due to illness.

The Government also held an extraordinary Cabinet session in the Diet building to discuss the Diet requests for the Premier's attendance at the Budget Session. The Cabinet session has decided to appoint Baron Hirayama, Home Minister, to answer interpellations on behalf of the Premier and accelerate the work of the Budget Session.

WAR TROPHIES Chinese Remember Yarnell

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Many trophies captured by the Chinese in north Hunan have been sent here to be presented to Admiral H. E. Yarnell, former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, in appreciation of his sympathy with and support to China's resistance.

Nazis Fall In River

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Sixteen German Police officers were drowned when a German lorry in the Czech protectorate near Zlin (Moravia) fell into the river, says a Prague despatch to the German official news agency. The German version of the incident says that it was due to failure of the brakes.

Japan Woos S. American Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Domel).—Educational missions from Chile and Argentina will arrive in Japan shortly on a tour of inspection and will report to their countrymen on wartime conditions in Japan.

The visitors from Chile, including Professor Anna H. Fernandez of the University of Chile and two other women education experts, are expected to arrive in Yokohama to-morrow aboard the Hye Maru for a two months' tour of Japan, Korea and Manchukuo.

From Argentina, Mr. Jose Ortiz, son of President Dr. Roberto M. Ortiz of Argentina, is expected in the middle of May on an inspection tour of Japan's education, industry and culture.

Preparations are being made by the Tourist Bureau to welcome the visitors who will be given every facility on their inspection tours in order to allay recent misgivings in South America.

Obscene Suggestions Cabled To Berlin

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—It is estimated that Americans are spending \$11,000 daily on "Receivers To Pay" telegrams to the German Propaganda Ministry in response to the Nazi broadcast invitation to state the kind of programme they would like to hear from Germany.

A telegraph official stated that about 5,000 radio programmes are despatched to Berlin daily. He said that a "good proportion" of the messages received had been rejected as they were too obscene or profane while a "larger proportion" of those despatched have shown "distinct animosity."

RUSSIAN CRITICISM

Japanese Weakness In War Of Nerves

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Soviet army paper, the "Red Star", commenting on what it calls Japan's "weak points" in what it terms a war of nerves between Japan, Britain and the United States, refers to Japan's military preparations and the "movement southward" and says: "the weak and vulnerable points in these preparations were recently pointed out by Mr. Horio, President of a Japanese metal concern, who issued a reminder that Japan depends to a considerable extent on her supplies of raw materials from abroad."

Mr. Horio's statement casts light on the motives for the statements by Japanese officials in the peculiar war of nerves going on between the Japanese and Anglo-American block. Comparing these statements with the reported activities of the Japanese military authorities, the paper remarks that some foreign observers find a "certain division of labour" between the diplomatic and military departments of Japan.

Australia Prepares

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Melbourne correspondent of the "Exchange Telegraph" reports that the War Minister, Mr. Spender, after a meeting of the War Council, announced that measures would be taken this week to insure increased preparedness for an emergency.

Militia training will be extended to 90 days and at least half the strength of the Australian forces will be in continuous training.

U.S. Welcomes Move

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The "New York Post" hails the arrival of the Australian troops in Singapore as the first action by the democracies for a decade against Japanese aggression.

Mr Hughes' Opinion

MELBOURNE, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Navy Minister, Mr. A. W. Hughes, said to-day that if Germany is beaten the Balkans or the Mediterranean, other Axis Powers including Japan would hasten to surrender. However, he said, Australia is still concerned regarding conditions in the Pacific.

Kwangsi Wine Prohibition

KWEILIN, Feb. 20 (Central News).—Tightening the ban on wine drinking, the Kwangsi Provincial Government has issued a proclamation that beginning from March 1 if wine is found to have been used at any feast or social gathering, a fine of N.C. \$100 will be imposed.

Brewing and the sale of wine are also prohibited by a previous governmental order as a measure to conserve rice, malt and other food-stuffs.

British Submarine Sinks Nord Ship

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The British submarine Scallion has destroyed a Norwegian ship of about 1,500 tons operating under German control off the Norwegian coast.

An Admiralty communiqué announcing this says that the Scallion allowed 15 minutes while the crew abandoned the Norwegian ship and then sank her by gun-fire.

Her crew were quite safe in life-boats as she was very close to land when abandoned.

Malayan War Contribution

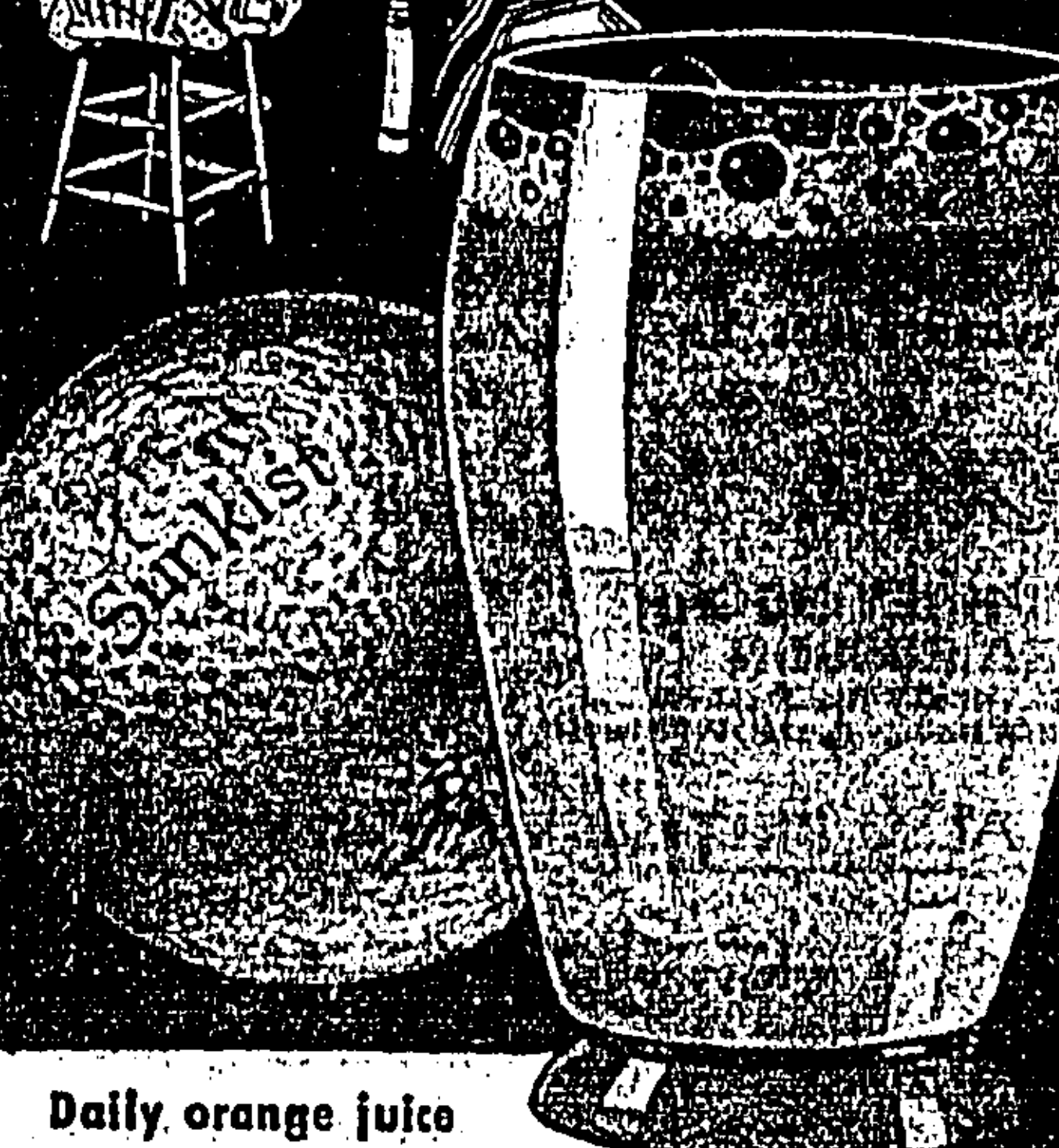
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Malaya's latest contribution to the Empire's war effort is a free gift of £450,000 raised by war taxation and additional Customs duties from September to December, 1940. Lord Moyne, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has gratefully acknowledged the gift.

Japanese Army On The Move

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Japanese army contingents are being transported southward from Formosa and even from Japan itself, according to confirmed reports, says a "Dow-Jones" Shanghai telegram. The troops are presumably bound for Hainan or northern Indo-China.

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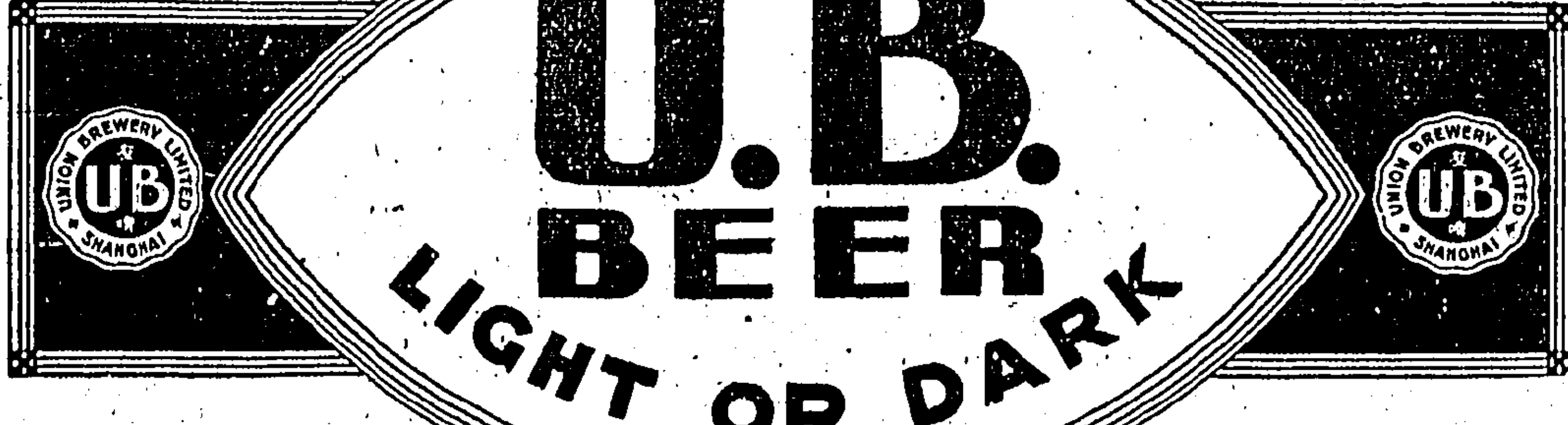
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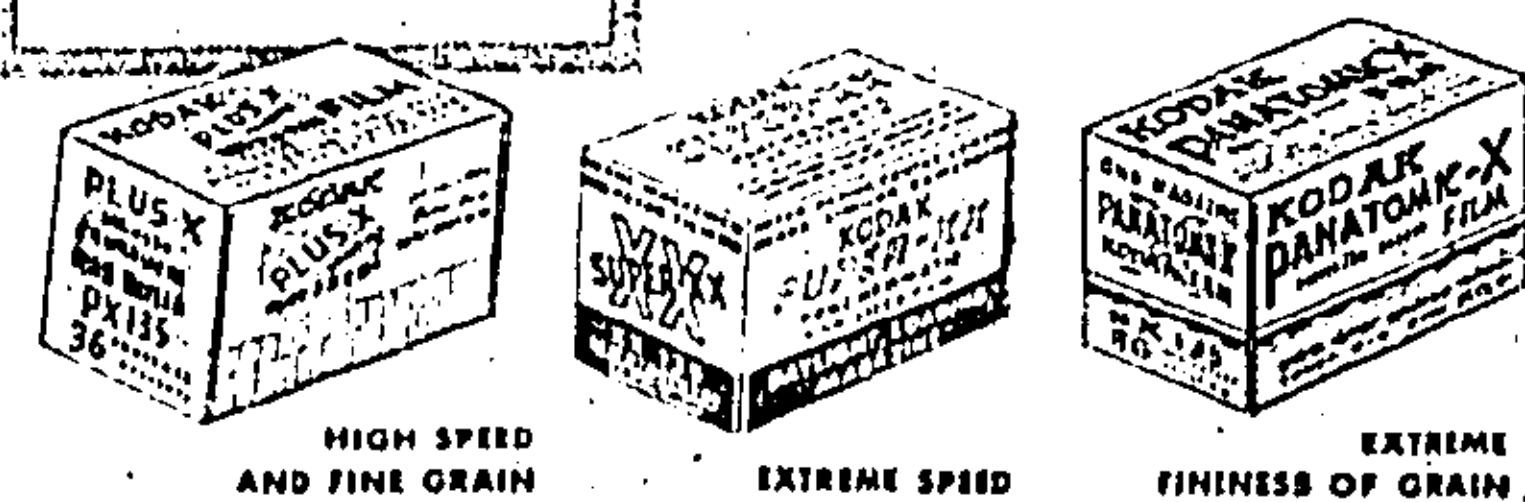
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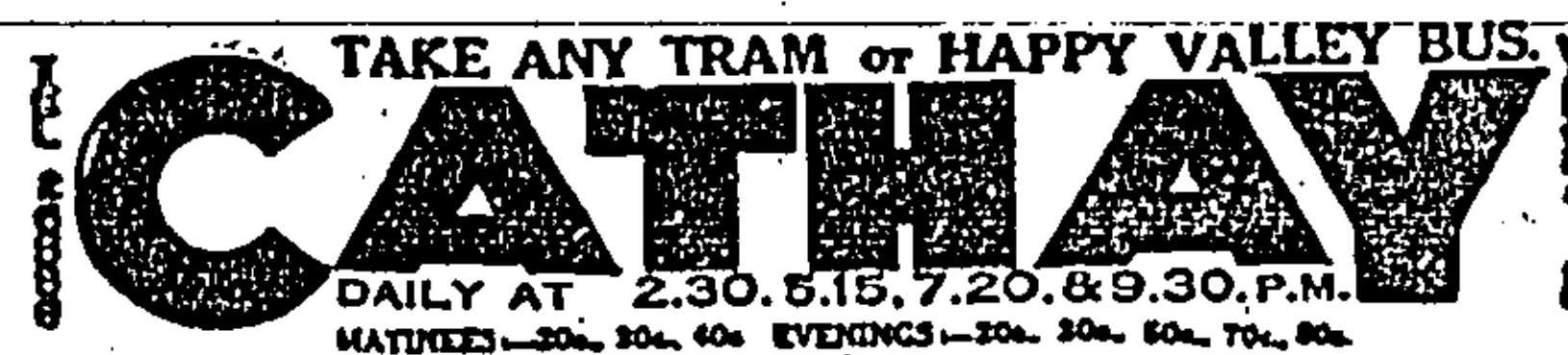
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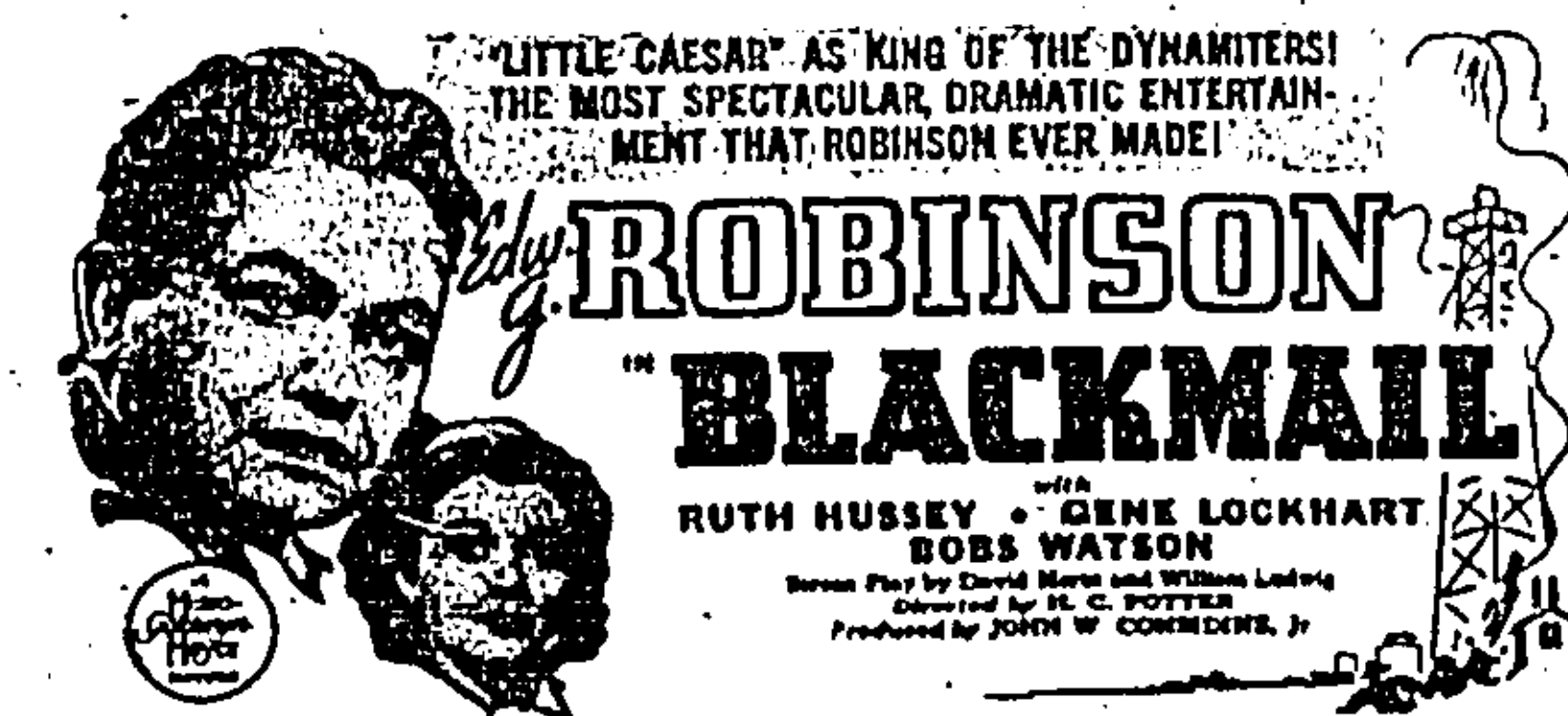
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Filipino Daggers Alarm Three Chinese Girls

"It is apparently the custom in the Philippine Islands for Filipinos to carry daggers for self-protection," said Det. Sergeant Cochrane when he prosecuted two Filipino waiters, Pedro Marillo, 18, and Aleji Cambonaro, 30 at Central Magistracy before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning with possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose.

Sergeant Cochrane said that the defendants were employed on a ship undergoing repairs at Thnikoo Docks.

With three other Filipino colleagues from the same vessel, the defendants, accompanied by three Chinese girls, went to the Man Fong Boarding House in Connaught Road Central, where they had taken a room.

In the room the defendants drew out two daggers, which they said was their custom to carry in the Philippines, and started aiming them at certain objects on the table. The Chinese girls became alarmed and ran out of the room and into the street, followed by the defendants. The commotion attracted the attention of a Chinese Sub-Inspector of Police who arrested the men.

The Sergeant said that there was no suggestion of the girls having been used to threaten the girls or for any other purpose, and asked for their confinement, adding that defendants were due to leave the Colony tomorrow.

They were bound over in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for a month and the daggers were confiscated.

EUROPEAN RESCUES CHILDREN

A European sanitary inspector helped to save several children from the burning building this morning when fire broke out at No. 18 Portland Street, Yau-mat.

Immediately after ascertaining that no more people were left in the building, the Inspector left and his identity has not yet been discovered. The fire broke out about 8.45 a.m. and spread so quickly that very soon the first and second floors of Nos 18 and 20 had been gutted. However, on the arrival of the Fire Brigade, the outbreak was under control by 9.15 a.m.

Inspector Wright, Divisional Inspector at Yau-mat, was in charge of the Police contingent keeping the crowd under control.

After the flames had been subdued, the firemen started searching among the debris and found two bodies—one a widow, 70 years of age, and an 11-months-old girl, named Li Tin and Luk Chai respectively.

It is understood these were the only casualties.

Silk Factory Fire
A fire broke out at the Mayor Silk Factory in Choi Wan Kok about 7.30 a.m. yesterday when a quantity of silk in the drying room caught fire as a result of sparks from the coal fire being blown through the ventilators by a strong gust of wind.

Two engines of the Fire Brigade were rushed to the scene but the blaze was subdued by the factory staff before the firemen arrived. The total damage was estimated at \$400. No persons were injured.

DIES' NEW CHARGES

Axis Red Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—In an interview here to-day, Mr. Martin Dies announced that his Committee possesses "several boxes of documentary evidence" proving that Russia has a "front" for political and economic manoeuvres with the Axis Powers.

He said that several Embassies and Ambassadors have "violated United States laws" and added that he must consult with the State Department before the issuance of any material. He asserted that Germany had already "invaded" the United States by sending agents to establish military organisations and that sabotage of munitions plants was likely to continue after the Lend and Lease Bill becomes law.

Mr Eden's Important Mission To Egypt

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with the establishment of a British administration in the captured regions which will involve consultation with local British military authorities including General Wilson. It is expected that they will visit Libyan and other towns taken from the Italians.

Situation Ripe
CAIRO, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Commenting on the arrival of Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, a spokesman of the British Embassy told "Reuters" that the "time is clearly ripe for a full review of the political and military situation in the Middle East and Africa as the outcome of the brilliant victory of the Army of the Nile."

The War Cabinet has shown the importance attached to this review by sending the Foreign Secretary as their representative assisted by the Cabinet's chief Military Adviser.

Consultations
There is no doubt that there will be full consultations with military leaders in the Middle East and other authorities. It will clearly be very useful to the War Cabinet that one of their members has had first-hand information about this theatre of war.

In view of Mr. Eden's first visit to the Middle East when War Minister, and his knowledge of the problems and personalities in this part of the world, his selection for the task was very natural.

Several Days Ago
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—It is learned in London that Mr. Eden and General Sir John Dill left Britain by air several days ago.

It is pointed out that this is Mr. Eden's third visit to Egypt since the outbreak of war. He went there a year ago to welcome the first Australian contingent. Last November he flew to Egypt again to discuss matters with General Sir Archibald Wavell and to inspect personally the operations in North and East Africa.

Increase In Island's Electricity Charges

FROM PAGE ONE

China Morning Post	50,000.00
Bombay Fund	600,000.00
To place to Reserve	
To carry forward to next account	584,667.30
	\$2,284,667.30

It will be noted that the total dividend distribution for the year is \$300,000 lower than for the year 1939.

Capitalisation
It is proposed to recommend for the approval of shareholders at the forthcoming ordinary yearly meeting, the capitalisation of \$3,000,000 which will be standing to the credit of Reserve Account; this will be issued in the form of 300,000 shares of \$10 each fully paid and will be allotted to shareholders on the Register on April 1 1941 in the proportion of one share for every three held. The shares representing fractions will be sold by a nominee to be appointed by the Board and the net proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions.

The Directors have decided to increase the Issued Capital of the Company by the issue of a further 300,000 shares at \$10 each payable in full to the Company's Bankers on or before September 30; these shares will be offered to shareholders on the Register on April 1 in the proportion of one share for every complete three shares held. Shareholders will be given power to renounce their rights under such offer. No rights will attach to any fractions. Both these issues will rank for dividend as from July 1.

PARISIANS PUNISHED

Foodstuffs Withdrawn After Market Disorders

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The requisitioning of foodstuffs by the Germans has led to considerable disorder in the large markets of Paris, according to messages received by the independent French agency.

These say that trouble at the central market was caused by Germans making a clean sweep of all potatoes after the women had been waiting in queues for hours.

As collective punishment for the disturbance, the messages add, Parisians were deprived of potatoes for 40 days.

Everybody Suffers
Similar disorders occurred at the meat market at La Vierge and again Paris as a whole was punished by a general withholding of supplies.

It is stated that milk is distributed sparingly to invalids and sick people while coffee is unobtainable.

Grocers' shops bear the following legend: "The coffee we are roasting is not for sale. It is for the German troops."

MR MATSUOKA'S DENIAL

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (Reuters).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, last night denied the report from London that mediation was offered to Mr. Anthony Eden. He said that the message to Mr. Eden replied to the query of Indo-China-Thailand mediation although "I expressed my views concerning the establishment of world peace in the message."

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Envoy To Soviet

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Mr. Montri, the new Thai Minister to the Soviet, said on his arrival to-day that he hoped to establish normal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Conscription In Malta
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Conscription was introduced in Malta to-day. The Governor is empowered to call all males between the ages of 18 and 41 for military service.

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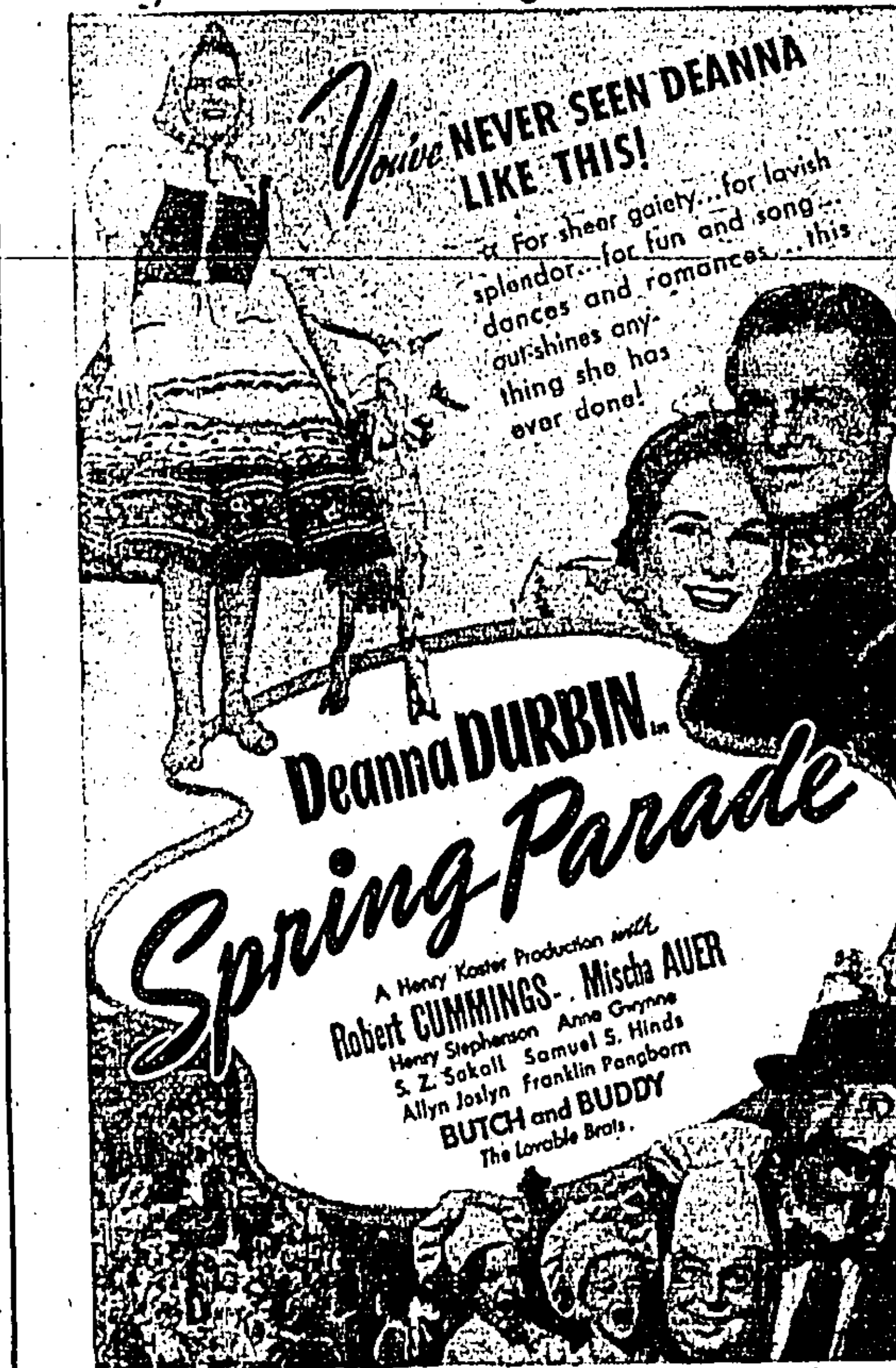


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